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THE TRANSCRIPT'S BUDGET.

MEN WHO HAVE APPEALED TO OUR COLUMNS.

As the Best Medium to Advertise Thier Holiday Novelties—What to Buy and Where to Buy It.

With the coming of Christmas the usual questions of "What shall I buy" and "Where shall I buy" my presents are the things that bother the average purchaser, and to those we would simply say consult the columns of the TRANSCRIPT. For the past three weeks we have presented to our readers the tempting array of holiday goods which our Middletown merchants have secured and placed before you from which to make your selection. They vie with one another in presenting novelties both useful and ornamental and in point of beauty and low price you cannot do better anywhere else.

The TRANSCRIPT has been the medium through which our merchants have sought to reach the reading public, and their appreciation of our efforts have not been in vain. We have distributed with this issue 15,000 copies during the past three weeks, and our advertising space has been increased by the business that has come to us unsolicited.

Next week we will again get down to our usual four pages, and can promise our readers even a better paper than through the exigencies of the occasion we have been compelled to give them.

The subscription list is still increasing, and when we enter upon the New Year we will open our new books with at least 1500 names on our list. This is the largest circulation ever gained by any newspaper in Middletown, and we propose to have at least twice that number before the close of another year.

The TRANSCRIPT'S annual visit among its advertisers was made yesterday and we briefly outline what we saw on the trip. At

Mrs. Thomas Massey's

You could not get by without stopping even if you wanted to, for her window is so attractive, with an array of beautiful things so tastily arranged that it is quite bewildering; you will scarcely get away without making some purchase. There is every thing you could mention in the way of fine silverware, pretty clocks and handsome ornaments, jewels, necklaces, rings and everything to please the feminine fancy, from a gold watch to a hair-pin, and all at prices which will make it pay you to buy at home.

E. B. Rice.

There are toys, games and dolls, all of which must have a place among the Christmas purchasers where the little people are to be pleased. There are also all kinds of candy, cheap enough for every one to have plenty of it, and fruits from every clime, in tempting profusion. Indeed there is everything at Kris Kringle's Headquarters. His handmaids greet you with a smile and seem eager to do your bidding, and the whole place seems full of the Christmas spirit. If you have not felt much of it yet, you will surely find it at Rice's.

D. L. Dunning.

Here is the pioneer of holiday goods in Middletown, so don't fail to give him a call this year. Good books are the best friends one can have, and no presents are more acceptable to old and young. Mr. Dunning has a special lot for only 20 cents each, in pretty bindings, good type and containing excellent reading. There are also books of poetry, and sketches from 35 cents to a dollar, and a great variety of juvenile books and booklets. Get some good reading for the family circle this winter.

S. M. Reynolds & Co.

Anywhere on Cochran Square will do. No matter into what department you enter, just keep on till you see it all. You'll not only find every thing in nice dress goods, fancy articles and notions, but also fine china and glass ware, lamps, umbrellas, rugs, and all sorts of household things. It is a common saying "if you do not find what you want at Reynold's, no need to try any where elese in town." It is the place for Christmas shoppers.

J. H. Emerson.

"The mistletoe hung in the castle hall," but you can also find it at Emerson's. In his window is a minature drawing room, where you can learn how to arrange your parlor for Christmas. He has also just received a special lot of couches, tables desks and easy chairs all suitable for holiday gifts.

W. J. Wilson.

Has an attractive window and lots of nice and pretty things. Beautiful easels, tables and cabinets and a full line of furniture. Here is the place to set up housekeeping.

Diamond State Harness Factory.

In all your Christmas shopping, don't forget your faithful horse. He will only know it is Christmas by the extra nice warm blanket which you can get for him at Parker's, where you can also get robes, harness, etc.

Messick's Bargain Store.

In the world of toys and novelties no place presents such a charm for the out-of-town shopper as Messick's Bargain House under Town Hall. He informs us that he has sold 4000 pounds of candies during the past two weeks, and has been oblliged to get in another large supply during the past week to be able to meet the large demand made upon him. His stock of toys and dolls were never finer; and then there are those handsome suits and overcoats which cannot be duplicated either in price or quality. A visit to Middletown is not complete without a visit to this mammoth palace of toys and novelties.

W. R. Reynolds.

In the harness Emporium of W. R. Reynolds holiday shoppers will find an excellent line of fancy plush robes, harness etc., from which to select a handsome present. A visit to his place will pay you.

Edwin Prettyman.

For useful presents, slippers, shoes and boots are never out of place, and Prettyman has some that will please the most fastidious. You'll find his prices low and his goods reliable.

Out of Town.

Of course there are some who will go from home to do a little shopping and a good deal of looking. If you go to Wilmington remember Sharp is the place to buy dry goods. Mullin's for clothing.

If you go to Philadelphia it is needless to mention Wanamakers, for you would hardly go if it were not for the charm of his big store. And Strawbridge & Clothier is not far behind him. If you are going to buy suits for all three of the boys just read Wanamaker & Brown's ad. and then see where you are.

If everybody on the Peninsula does not find what they want in the TRANSCIPT advertisers, they must be hard to suit indeed.

Fruits of Advertising.

Real Estate Agent Ingram last week inserted an advertisement in the TRANSCRIPT for the sale of a valuable property in town, and as a result, it was sold this week. This conclusively shows the value of the TRANSCRIPT as the *best* advertising medium in this section of the county.

CHURCH NEWS.

Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's R. C. Church on Christmas at 7, 8.30 and 10 A. M.

Rev M. N. Browne announced on Sunday evening that revival services would begin in the M. E. Church on New Year's night.

The Epworth League will hold its regular meeting on Friday night at 7.30 in the lecture room of the M. E. Church. The service will be appropriate to the Christmas time.

The Wilmington Conference Committee on Anniversaries met in Middletown on Monday to arrange for the celebrations at the next session of Conference. The members of the committee are Revs. Alfred Smith, H. S. Thompson and N. M. Browne.

Forest Presbyterian Church will celebrate Christmas with appropriate services. The choir is engaged in rehearsing some excellent selections for Christmas and the music will be something grand. The Sunday school will hold its Christmas festival on Tuesday evening, December 27.

Next Sunday being Christmas Day, the services in St. Anne's Church, both morning and evening will be in accordance with the important event commemorated on that day. The church will have its usual Christmas decorations, and the choir will render some new Christmas music. The public are invited to attend these services.

Christmas Cantata.

The entertainment by the M. E. Sunday School which will be given in the Opera House on Friday night Dec. 29, promises to be very fine. The young people are rehearsing the music and the parts are all well taken. Real old Santa Claus himself will be present, and the patron saint of children will manifest his interest and pleasure in those of all grades and stations. The Bootblack, Albert Cavender; The Newsboy, John Parvis, and the little Tot, Grace Parvis will be very pleasing. There are other solo parts, and the choruses are all bright and full of the Christmas ring. Admission 20 cts.

A Young Physician's Death.

The death of Dr. Quale which occurred last night in Virginia, is a great shock to his friends here. He was formerly a resident physician at the Medico Chirurgical Hospital in Philadelphia, where as a physician and gentlemen he was highly esteemed. He was a man of many qualifications for a successful and useful career, and his untimely death is greatly lamented. Those who are under the shadow of bereavement have our deepest sympathy.

A Day of Ill Omen.

New Year's day will fall upon Sunday, concerning which event the following prognostication of our forefathers may be consulted: "It is affirmed by some when New Year's day falls on Sunday, then a pleasant winter doth follow; a natural summer; fruite sufficient; harvest indifferent, yet some winde and raine; many marriages; plentie of wine and honey; death of young men and cattell; robberies in most places; news of prelates and kinges, and cruel warres in the end."

Mission Band Bazaar.

The Mission Band of Forest Presbyterian Church held a bazaar in McWhorter's Hall last Thursday evening. There were numerous fancy and useful articles, the handiwork of the young girls, which were very readily sold at fair prices, and more than sixteen dollars were realized.

THE CHRISTMAS MENU.

TURKEYS, CRANBERRY SAUCE, AND OTHER GOOD THINGS.

What The Thrifty Housewife Has to Choose From, and What She May Expect to Pay For Her Christmas Dinner.

Buying the Christmas dinner is no small task, but it also has its charms. A novice in the marketing may get a few helpful hints from us. The first and most important article is the turkey. We hope every reader of the TRANSCRIPT will have turkey for their Christmas dinner. You will find perfect beauties at Echenhofer's, about the finest we have ever seen. You had beter make haste to get one, for he's shipping them to the city markets. The prices are good, both for seller and buyer, 16 and 17 cents per pound. If your family is a big one and you will have a re-union don't mind about the turkey being big: it ought to be big, for "Christmas comes but once a year."

Some folks say that little turkeys are the best, but we say that "depends."

They are Indeed all exceptionally fine this year, besides turkeys there are chichens and ducks at 12½c per pound. Well, having bought your turkey, a 14 pounder, its so natural to get carnberries next, that you may as well stop at the first store and get them, 15 cents per quart, nice ones too. Celery next. Not going to get that at a store? Why not? Ah! going to get it from a boy who brings it "fresh from the country." That's right, buy everything you can from the country people. They don't have half a chance anyhow. You have sweet potatoes and white potatoes, but yov haven't any hominy. It accompanies turkey very nicely, both so American, too. We didn't say anything about onions, but certainly get some if you likethem.

Don't forget your groceries, and butter and eggs. You get those from a farmer too. All right. You can order your oysters and have them brought to you Christmas. Better get them from Rice. We've proven them and found them prime. And do you think that's all. and you still have money enough left to get raisins, figs, oranges, bananas, etc. You're a good marketer, and you'll have a good Christmas dinner, too, if you have it cooked and served all right. We could tell you how to do that too, only we are sure as soon as we begin to tell you about basting the turkey you'll toss your pretty head and say "much he knows about it."

We did intend to give our lady readers a few nice recipes for Christmas for we heard one say she would rother have a half-dozen good, practical household recipies for a Christmas present than many of the iodotic things she does receive, and we thought we'd like to please her and our other readers by giving the recipies. But we'll have have to wait till another time and will now simply give our own CHRISTMAS MENU.

Oyster Soup with Celery,
Chichen Croquettes with Peas,
Fried Oysters,
Cold Slaw,
Chicken Salad,
Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce,
Cheese, Crackers, Olives,
Plum Pudding,
Candies, Nuts, Fruit,
Coffee.

The Hill Murderers,

Unless unforseen circumstances should arise, the fate of the murderers of Dr. Hill is that all will hang. The petition to commute the death sentence of the young murderers to imprisonment for life is not meeting with much success, and the sheriff of Kent county will usher them into eternity at noon on January 13. Every detail of this last act in the tradegy is being concluded. It is the intention to erect the scaffold in the jail yard just outside the door, and it will be sufficiently large to accomodate all the murderers at one time. The prisoners will meet their doom together, as at the fall of the drop each body will swing from a hempen necklace. Only twenty witnesses besides the special deputies whom the sheriff may appoint will be allowed to witness the hanging.

Will Visit Baltimore.

A number of the Old Fellows lodge of Middletown will go with Eden Lodge of Wilmington to Baltimore on February 27, on the occasion of the fraternal visit of that lodge to Pacific Lodge of Baltimore.

Paupers to Have a Treat.

A number of young ladies of the Y. W. C. T. U. intend gladdening the hearts of the inmates of Farnhurst on Monday afternoon next with cake, fruits, etc. This is an example that might be emulated.

Closed for the Holidays.

The Diamond State Harness Factory has shut down for the holidays to enable its employes to spend the season away from home if they so desire. Work will be resumed about the first of the year.

Big Business.

That popular actor Frank Jones delighted a large audience in the Opera House on Friday night last, in "Our Country Cousin." It was one of the largest audiences of the season.

Old Dave Hoskins.

The Hose Company entertainment on Monday night will doubtless be the most taking thing of the season. The tickets are selling rapidly, and if you want good seats do not delay getting them till the night of the play.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Jos. Parker was in New York this week.

Miss Ada Cochran is home for the holidays.

Miss Addie Hazzard will spend her Christmas holidays in New Castle and in Baltimore.

Mrs. J. M. Arthurs and family, of Kenton, are visiting her mother, Mrs. M. M. Wright.

Preston Hardcastle and wife, of Chicago, were the guests of Mrs Thomas Chehran last week.

Miss Jessie Hukill returned home on Monday from a protracted visit to friends in York State.

John J. Hoffecker, of Philadelphia came home yesterday so spend the holidays with his parents.

Mise Ethel Parvis, returned home on Saturday from the Lutherville Seminary to spend the holiday season.

Mrs. V. L. Culberston and daughters, Misses Dora and Jessie, will spend the holiday season at Mt. Washington, Md., the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Lake,

Misses Ethel and Nellie Covington, and Miss Burgess of Still Pond, and Miss Jump, of Easton, spent a fewdays last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cowgill Allston, near town.

We are sorry to know that Miss Sadie Howell is quite ill of pneumonia and that Miss Emma Burnham who has been so sick for a number of weeks is still very weak and suffering.

Mr. D. Cleaver and family, of Philadelphia, are spending the holiday season with Mr. Cleaver's brother. I. S. Cleaver at Port Penn. Both gentlemen were in town this morning and gave the TRANSCRIPT a pleasant call.

The Boys and Girls.

The Middletown schools will close on Friday for the holidays, and will resume on January 3. A number of our young people who have been attending boarding schools and colleges are home already and find a hearty welcome on all sides. All over the country the seminary girls and college boys are going home for Christmas. The cars are full of them; they go in bevies, and are always recognized by their bread-and-butterish, sophomorish tone and style that somehow seem to belong to them alone. But they are none the less pleasing. A merry Christmas to them all, and especially to the teachers, among whom are our own faithful quintette.

Dancing at Dover.

The gentlemen of Dover will give a grand ball at the Hotel Richardson on Tuesday evening next. The patronesses are Mrs. Alden B. Richardson, Mrs. Harry A. Richardson, Mrs. Euthanna J. Harrington, Mrs. William H. Walker, Mrs. Richard R. Kenney, Mrs. William H. Peck, Mrs. Eldad L. Clarke, Mrs. Robert L. Holliday, Mrs. Simon C. Long. Mrs. John R. Nicholson, Mrs. Beniah Watson, Mrs. Clarence D. Sypherd, Mrs. Robert J. Ferguson, Mrs. Phillippa L. Fisher. The committee is composed of the followlowing gentlemen: Henry Ridgley, Jr. DuPont Walker, William Penniwell and Andrew A. Bateman.

The Social Club.

The young men comprising the Middletown Social Club met at the office of W. R. Reynolds and formulated their plans for the winter's dances. The following officers were elected. President, J. P. Cochran, Jr.; vice president, Fred Brady; secretary, C. S. Green; treasurer, Dr. H. Vaughan; executive committee, J. P. Cochran, C. R. Clayton, J. C. Kelly, C. S. Green, A. P. Corbit, H. A. Pool, Dr. Vaughn, Fred Brady, J. P. Rothwell.

Rock Hall's Postmaster Robbed.

The post office at Rock Hall was entered by thieves last week. Entrance was effected by means of a false key and admission to the safe was gained in a similar way. The thief was shrewd enough to take only money belonging to the postmaster himself, leaving Uncle Sam's intact. The postmaster is out $135, most of which had been intrusted to him for safe keeping by his neighbors. It is supposed to have been the work of some one acquainted with the store.

The Shortest Day of the Year.

Wednesday was the shortest day of the year, and from this time the days will grow gradually longer. On several recent clear evenings the afterglow succeeding the setting of the sun was remarked for its beauty and color. It prolonged the daylight. The sun set at 4.41 on Wednesday and the afterglow was bright at 5.10, its last tinges fading out of the west about 6 o'clock.

November Milk.

The Middletown creamery goes Odessa one better and pays $1.31 for November milk. This is the highest rate paid by any creamery in this ection for November milk.

Cloths and Cassimeres.

We have a full line of the above and when cut and shaped by Mr. T. E. Hurn they are really works of art. Mr. Hurn is doing excellent work. Perfect fit guaranteed.

S. M. REYNOLDS.

A national bank has been organized at Crisfield, Md., with Clarence Hodson president. A savings bank will be connected with the institution. Crisfield has 4.000 inhabitants and seventy-five stores in the town and vicinity, while one thousand boats make their headquarters there, but there has never been a bank within twenty miles.

THE RURAL DISTRICTS.

TRANSCRIPT PENCILINGS BY OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Interesting Incidents of the Happenings and Every Day Events Among our Neighbors.

NEWARK.

P. Blair Pie, of Ottawa University, is home for the holidays.

The Misses Gillespie of Wilmington, are guests of Miss Lena Evans.

Miss Clara Cooper, of Wilson College, is visiting Miss Carrie Cooch.

Miss Helen Calvert of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Annie Wilson.

Special services, appropriate to Christmas, will be held in the M. E. Church next Sunday.

Mrs. J. Janvier and Miss Frances Hurd have returned from an extended visit to Atlantic City.

The annual meetiug of the Patrons of Husbandry was held in Grange Hall, Saturday afternoon.

A little son of Dr. E. B. Frazier recently sustained a fracture of the arm, by falling down stairs.

The minds of the college boys are engrossed this week with examinations. School will close Friday for ten days.

Joseph B. Handy, principal of Delaware City public schools, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in town.

The old electric lights along our streets are gradualllly being replaced by new ones with the umbrella attachment.

Invitations have been issued anuouncing the marriage of Canby Hopkins and Miss Clara Derrickson, on Wednesday evening next.

Quite a party of Newarkers will attend the musical entertainment in Goldey's Wilmington Commercial College Thursday evening.

Rev. Thomas Maslin, of New York, who has spent several years with evangelists Moody and Sankey, delivered a very interesting discourse in the M. E. Church Sunday evening, taking for his subject, "The Bright Side of Life."

The young men of Newark and Delaware College gave one of their inimitable hops in Caskey Hall, Friday evening last, at which the elite of the town displayed their knowledge of the Terpsichorean art to the sweet and mellow strains of Oglesby's orchestra.

Joseph H. Caleb, a prominent citizen of this town and Miss Mary Whalley, of Philadelphia, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Philadelphia, on Thursday evening last. After a two weeks trip they will reside in their beautiful home on West Main street.

An exceedingly enjoyable entertainment was given in the College Oratory Thursevening, under the auspices of the M. E. Sabbath School. The participants, who were young men from Wilmington, rendered a program of a musical and elocutionary order, in such a manner as to elicit considerable applause and frequent encores.

The members of the College foot-ball team, being imbued with the idea that they had labored assiduously during the season, and considering it only right and proper that they should end their toils with a jolly good time, ordered caterer Dobson to have prepared for them in the dining rooms of the Deer Park Hotel, Saturday evening last, a sumptuous repast, which he did in his usual execellent manner, and it is needless to add that the footballists did ample justice to the numerous viands.

DELAWARE CITY.

Harry Cleaver, of Wilmington, spent last Sunday in town.

Mayor W. E. Reybold is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Miss Marley and Miss Ella Cleaver spent Saturday last in Wilmington.

Miss Agnes Ubil and Miss Fannie Cheairs are home from school for Christmas holidays.

The postponed lecture in the M. E. Church will be given Thursday evening, 22 inst.

Miss Handy, of Princess Anne, Maryland, on Thursday visited her brother here, Joseph Handy.

W. H. Evans, of Newark, is acting as P. W. & B. agent here, while O. B. Wingate is taking a vacation.

W. A. Jester, our popular druggist, has been on the sick list for a week or more, but is now able to be about.

Our public school will close on the 23d, inst., and resume duties again Jan. 3d, 1893. The principal will spend the holidays with his parents at Princess Anne, Maryland.

Alexander Holiday has lately purchased of H. C. Clark for $1000, the brick store stands on Main St. Mr. Holiday intends in the spring to build an addition to serve as a dwelling, and will remove his tobacco and cigar store there. For the present he is using the store part as a pool room, having lately put in a new pool table, and the balls can be heard going at a lively rate.

The snow that covered the ground here on Tuesday morning last was quite a surprise, and while there was not enough to afford sleighing, the small boy was equal to the occasion, notwithstanding the mud and slush so annoying to other people, he found enjoyment by ahe wholesale with sled and jumper. It also brought relief to some extent to the superstitious terror of a green Christmas.

One of our popular hotel proprietors has quite a fad for collecting cancelled postage stamps, and the strange part of it is, no one seems to know what the stamps are being used for, unless it is to try the collection of one million, as a dealer has advertised in a daily paper offering to pay one hundred dollars to any person who will turn over to him a million cancelled stamps. Probably he has not stopped to realize how large a sum a million is. A little calculation will show that at the rate of 100 stamps a day he will collect 36,500 a year. This sum divided into 1,000,000 rings the startling revelation that it would take just 27 years and 145 days for him to make his $100. As he very recently began this collection, the question is—as he is past middle age now—how long must he live and labor?

The change of temperature was also gladly received by two gentlemen from Salem, N. J., who arrived here Monday evening, en route for home, from Middletown with 14 barrels of dressed poultry. On their arrival here no communication could be had across the river, except in a small sailing skiff. The undertaking though was bargained for with Captain John Nichols, one of our brave waterman, but the night proved so unfavorable the start was not made, and cooler weather prevailing Tuesday, the gentleman returned by rail via Philadelphia, and the poultry left for shipment via the Bay bold on her regular trip Tuesday evening.

The Episcopal Church will be opened Christmas day, the first time since the departure of Chaplain Sherman, the Rev. Mr. Jenning, of Philadelphia, officiating. There will be four exercises including Sunday School, throughout the day. Early morning service at 6 o'clock; regular services and sermon at 10.30 A. M., and in the evening at 7 o'clock. The programme is as follows: Processional hymn, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing; Venite, Robinson; Glorias, From Haydn; Te Deum, Hopkins; Jubilate, Buck; Introit, Shout the Glad Tidings; Kyrie, Dr. Mitchell; Gloria Tibi, Emerson; Hymn, What Mean Those Holy Voices; Lanctus, Taylor; Communion Hymn, The King of Love My Shepherd is; Gloria Excelcis, Old Chant.

ST. GEORGE'S.

Mrs. Jas. Garman was in Wilmington on Monday.

C. M. Riley is visiting Mr. William Janvier.

Mrs. Schultz was in Philadelphia on Monday.

Miss Mattie Richardson was in Wilmington on Friday.

Miss Ollie Paynter visited friends in Wilmington on Tuesday.

Miss Mary Barnett is spending the week at Mrs. Cann's near town.

Mr. Chas. Riley, who has been seriously ill for several weeks is still quite sick.

Messrs. G. G. Smith and Thomas Laws, spent part of last week in Wilmington.

Principal Lattomus and G. G. Smith took a trip to Philadelphia on Saturday.

Messrs. A. McMullin C. Poore and A. Hopkins have accepted positions in Philadelphia.

Rev. G. L. Hardesty attended the Preacher's Association in Wilmington on Monday.

Mr. Wallace Gillespie of Philadelphia, has accepted a position in the drug store of E. W. Jester.

Miss Rachel Clover, who has been visiting her brother near Kennedyville, Md., has returned home.

Messrs. Oakes & Hudson are rapidly pushing the new dwelling of Chas. Stewart towards completion.

Rev. Dr. Shanks, Principal of Newark Academy, preached in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Hutchinson of Delaware City, took charge of Mr. Jester's drug store one day last week, Mr. Jester being in the city.

Presiding Elder, L. E. Barrett, preached an eloquent and impressive sermon to a large congregation in the M. E. Church on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Henry was in Philadelphia last week and laid in a large and well selected stock of Christmas goods. All of our merchants have a fine assortment of Christmas goods.

The M. E. Sunday School will have its Christmas treat and entertainment on Monday evening, Dec. 26th, and the Presbyterian Sunday School will have its entertainment on Wednesday evening. The Methodist will have a tree while the Presbyterian will have a representation of a chimney, and will impersonate Old Kriss.

Mr. Joseph Fisher has moved from his country residence, near here, to Philadelphia. Mr. Fisher has a meat market in Philadelphia, but for several years has been residing in the country. An attempt was made to rob the place a few nights ago which so alarmed Mrs. Fisher that her husband decided to move his family to the city.

Mrs. Sally Heriott, of Philadelphia, who came down a few days ago to visit Mrs. Craig, was taken ill with pneumonia and then with typhoid fever to which she finally succumbed on Sunday morning. Mrs. Heriott was about forty-six years of age. Two months ago her husband died and on the day of his burial she contracted a cold which developed in topneumonia after coming here. The body was taken to Philadelphia Monday.

TOWNSEND.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle are experiencing a boom.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to our friends.

Mrs. F. L. Reynolds, of Clayton, spent Sunday with Townsend friends.

Mrs. Della Garton and the Misses Reynolds were in Philadelphia on Monday.

Rob Hodgson entertained his sister, Miss Jennie, of Sassafras, for a few days last week.

Mrs. Carpenter, the mother of Mrs. Frank Fletcher, has returned to her Virginia home for the winter.

The pastor of the M. E. Church has announced that he will begin revival services with the opening of the New Year.

An entertainment will be given in the M. E. Church on Christmas evening. There will be a tree and distribution of gifts.

Rev. and Mrs. Fletcher were tendered a surprise at the M. E. Parsonage on Wednesday evening of last week. Mrs. Fletcher was presented with a purse of money.

Deputy Sheriff Money's store was visited by burglars on Thursday night last and robbed of about $50 in money and a few small checks. The thieves broke into the railroad tool house and secured some heavy crowbars, and after forcing an entrance through a side door of the store, broke on the hinges of the safe. The [illegible] not a very heavy one, but the thieves seemed to be satisfied as they disturbed nothing else.

PORT PENN.

Sydney Cleaver, of [illegible], Md., is visiting at Port Penn.

The Debating Society will meet at Mr. Henry Price's on Wednesday evening of next week.

It is rumored that County Superintendent Griffiin will join the army of Benedicts with the coming of the New Year.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will have their Christmas tree and celebration in the church on Saturday evening, when they will gladden the hearts of the little ones with candy and the larger ones with bon bons and kisses.

SMYRNA.

From the Clayton Call.

The young men of Smyrna will give a dance in the Opera House on Monday evening, January 2d.

Miss Bessie M. Reynolds, Miss Mary P. Cochran and Miss Sallie Cochran, of Middletown, were guests of friends here on Monday.

The Clayton Creamery received in November 50,298 pound of milk, made 2,327 pounds of butter and paid $1.25 for milk, which is the highest price they ever paid for November milk.

John C. Bailey has purchased the "Budd" farm, near Rothwell's Landing, tenanted by Clinton Ransom, the property of the late Wm. Green, of Middletown. The price paid was about $7,500. The farm contains 144 acres.

Alexander Martin, a prominent farmer living near Deyter's Corner, in New Castle county, died ou Saturday of pneumonia, aged 84 years. He had been sick but a short while. His remains were interred at Townsend, Monday. Mr. Martin leaves a widow and four children—two sons and two daughters.

Mrs. Sarah P. Mason, one of our most respected citizens, who has been in feeble health for some time, will leave in a few days for the Old Ladies' Home in Philadelphia, the place being provided for her by her many warm friends here. She is an excellent lady and one of whom, for refinement and culture the community has long been proud. She is a member of the Historical Society of Delaware, having contributed much by her facile pen to the historical archives of her native State. She is the oldest member of the M. E. Church, having joined it in 1821.

Rev. W. W. W. Wilson took John Moran to Philadelphia Monday and placed him in Will's Eye Hospital where he will be treated for the eye trouble from which he has been suffering since August last. The sight of his left eye from ulcer of the cornea will likely be entirely lost though there is hope that the right eye may be cured. The whole trouble arose from wiping the perspiration from his forehead with his hand while weeding his garden, it being supposed that some poisonous substance attached itself to the forehead and ran down into the eye.

Very Important.

No holiday goods exchanged.

S. M. REYNOLDS & Co.

PENINSULA NOTES.

The number of office seekers is on the increase.

Dover's new Baptist Church is about completed.

Armory M. E. Church of Dover will be dedicated next Sunday.

The Peninsula Creamery Association is going to fight oleomargarine.

The cost of remodeling the Lewes M. E. Church was $2120. All but $650 has been paid.

The oyster dredgers at Bowers' Beach say that the season has proven a failure. They found the oysters in bad condition and the catches very small.

The contract for carrying the mail for the next four years from Warwick to Sassafras, 3 miles and back, six times a week, has been awarded to C. G. Steele; $168.

W. Polk Cummins of Smyrna has purchased the interest of Joshua T. Jerman in the tile-making firm of Jerman & Cosgrift at Smyrna. The new firm of Cummins & Cosgrift will continue the manufacture of tile in that town.

Capt. Eliason says that notwithstanding the Rock Hall boom Tolchester will be open next year and the improvements to be made there next year will be greater than ever before. We expect to see Tolchester spread out into a Cape May or a Newport in a short while.

A heavy snow storm struck Kent county, Md., Monday night, which continued until near noon Tuesday. About four inches of snow fell on a level, but quickly disappeared before a warm wind and bright sun during the afternoon. This is the second substantial snow-fall of the season.

Four marriages have occurred in the family of Wilson W. Bryan, at Sussex county, this year. Last March, Edith, the youngest daughter eloped with and was married to a neighbor's son; on Tuesday, November 29, the remaining daughter, Effie, was married to a Maryland man, and on Wednesday, December 14, the two sons, and only remaining children, were both married.

THE BUILDING BOOM.

IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE BEING MADE.

Handsome New Tenements To Be Erected On Modern Plans—Other Items of Interest.

More Improvements.

North Broad street is having a boom. Beside the dwellings and store which Mr. T. H. Armstrong has in process of construction, Mrs. B. F. Lippincott will have two pretty houses erected on the lot adjoining the home occupied by Miss Spicer. Already the foundations are being laid, and the houses will be ready for occupancy by March 25. There has been, of late, a great demand in Middletown for small houses at reasonable rental. These houses will meet the demand. They will be small, pretty, modern and convenient, having bay windows and other attractions, and will rent for about eight dollars per month. We are glad to see improvements at that end of the town.

Increasing Facilities.

Mrs. Comegys, who owns the TRANSCRIPT building will next week begin tearing down the petitions in the third story of the building and make it one large room. Other alterations will also be made during the next few weeks, previous to its occupancy by the Diamond State Harness Factory. The first floor will be used as a show room and office by Mr. Parker, while the second and third floors will be the work rooms. The increased trade of Mr. Parker compels him to seek larger quarters, and he has leased the whole building, and will take possession as soon as the TRANSCRIPT moves out.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post-office, which can be had by saying they are advertised: James Collins, Miss Emma Hastings(3) John Milligan, John E. Medford, Charles T. Pratt. Robert C. Phillips, Miss Mary Redgrave, Messrs. Sparks & Devine, Miss Lizzie Thomas.

Christmas Entertainment.

We acknowledge an invitation from the Goldey Commercial College to attend their annual Christmas entertainment. An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music will be rendered.

BRIEFS.

A Merry Christmas.

Have you bought your present yet?

Fine Chocolates of all kinds at Reynolds.

Raisins for mince meat at Reynolds & Co's.

Low priced Buggies. W. R. Reynolds.

Choice layer Figs 20c per pound at Reynolds.

Lemons 18 to 30c. per dezen, at Reynolds'.

Everything for the Fruit Cake at Reynolds.

Christmas presents at all prices at Mrs Masseys.

Florida Oranges 20 to 35c per dozen, at Reynolds & Co's

Apples for eating and cooking purposes at Reynolds.

A English Butternuts 10c per pound at Reynolds & Co's.

"Our Country Cousin" at the Opera House Friday night.

California paper shell almonds 25c per pound at Reynolds.

Good Mixtures 10c per pound, 3 pounds for 25c at Reynolds.

New Grenoble English Walnuts 18c, at S. M Reynolds & Co's.

Princess paper shell Almonds 3 pounds for a dollar at Reynolds.

The finest Malaga Grapes, large clusters, 20c per pound at Reynolds.

We make a specialty of engraving ladies visiting cards. Send us your orders.

A complete assortment of plain and fancy Candies by the pound or ton at Reynolds.

Don't buy your Silver or Plated-ware before you get prices at Mrs. Masseys. None lower anywhere.

The finest California London layers and loose Muscatel Raisins 16c and 18c per pound at Reynolds & Co's.

Butter Knives, and Napkin Rings, 25 cents up, and Tea Spoons from 25 cents a half dozen up at Mrs. Masseys.

Meat Cutters, Sausage Stuffers and Lard Presses of the most approved kinds, at lowest prices at G. E. Hukill's.

We have the finest line of samples of ball programmes ever seen around Middletown. Come in and inspect them.

The first snow storm of the season visited this section last Monday night. Tuesday morning it reached a depth of about four inches.

If you are going to move the first of the year and wish the address of your paper changed let us know and give us both your old and new post office.

The newest fad in autograph books is one of cooking receipts. Each formula written in the book has the signature of the contributing friend under it.

Remember the large stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Hats and Caps, Boots, Shoes, Clothing, Carpets, Oil cloths Curtains &c., of W. H. Moore & Co., must be closed out quickly. Do not fail to take advantage of this chance for getting great bargains.

W. H. MOORE & Co.

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OLD KRIS, that merry old soul, will make his annual visitation on Sunday next. To many he will bring joy and plenty; to some, sorrow. Do your best to alleviate the latter and remember that even a kind work has the power to bring joya nd if you cannot do more, at least wish your less fortunate neighbor "a Merry Christmas." The TRANSCRIPT sends forth its Christmas greeting to all.

THE CHRISTMAS TIDE.

ALL over the land there are happy children at Christmas time, for Christmas is especially childhood's festival. Twenty thousand children will be treated to cake, candy and fruit, in the Madison Square Garden, New York, on Christmas afternoon. There will be tons of candy, and barrels and barrels of apples and cakes, and as each child passes the gate it will receive its gift. This is one of our Nineteenth Century modes of expressing the "good will" which the angel announced as the heritage of mankind, on that first Christmas morning over eighteen hundred years ago. If those people who think the world grows harder and colder and more selfish as it grows older, would go for a few days, at this season, to any one of our large cities and look upon the widespread charity of the many organizations, institutions, business firms and private individuals, they might be cured of their pessimism. The scene in Madison Square will be many times repeated in various parts of all our great cities. There will be Christmas dinners for boot blacks, festivals for newsboys, and car-loads of toys, dolls, clothing and provisions for the children of poor homes where want and destitution are frequent guests. It is the special aim of all these messengers of love and peace to reach every city waif and foundling, and every case of need whether old or young. Oh! blessed Christmas tide! Never in the history of the world was there such general and generous giving. Our Christmas presents are only the symbols or shadows of that greater gift, for the greatest of all gifts is the coming of the Christ Child, and as long as listening childhood hears the wonderful story of the Babe of Bethlehem, the truth of the gospel will find its way to the hearts of men. That first Christmas carol which angel voices sang to the listening shepherds over eighteen hundred years ago, has been sung through all succeeding ages, till now it fills the whole world, and the multitudes of earth take up the glad refrain of "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, goodwill to men."

THE special editions of the TRANSCRIPT are meeting with universal praise on every side, both by readers and advertisers. It's a "booming" and no mistake about it.

NOT those who receive the most but those who give the most are happiest. No matter how much good cheer and brightness you may have within your own circle at this glad season, if you have not made some other hearts and homes glad your Christmas lacks its greatest charm.

THE Christmas edition of the *New York Herald* was one of the handsomest works of art that has come to our table. The engravings were beautiful and the choice selections and articles were arrayed in a readable shape, while the many good things contained there in makes it one of the most valued of our exchanges.

THERE are some to whom these holiday times bring only sad memories of other and happier days, when loved ones were near sharing their joy and gladness. But deep sorrow and bereavement have come, and, sitting beneath the shadow alone, there are those who long with an insatiable longing for the touch of a vanished hand, the sound of a voice that is still. But Christmas brings a blessing for all, for Christ came to heal the broken hearted.

THE Panama Canal scandal is developing into one of the greatest intrigues of the Nineteenth Century. It has already involved five of the most prominent politicians in the French Republic, all Ex-Ministers, and it promises to submerge many prominent men in a moral death. The cry of "They are all thieves" is significant, and is something like the cry of the Revolutionists previous to the usurpation of the throne by Napoleon. The public stamp of disapproval will wreck and blight the lives of many men who have been prominent in the politics of France.

TWENTY-five thousand dollars is the sum awarded Miss Esther Jacobs, a pretty New York Jewess, in a breach of promise case this week. Henry A. Sire is the man who pays the damage, but he's able to pay it. He has his millions, yet he thinks the award outrageously large, and it is the largest ever given in a similar case but; pretty Esther thinks it not a bit too much, and as the court thought so, too, doubtless it is just. Jilting pretty girls and than slandering them ought to cost something for those who do it, but the majority of women would rather endure the mortification and ignominy, then go through the ordeal of a public trial, with all the court-room and newspaper notoriety it brings.

How quickly people of discernment grasp a good thing when they see it, and in exemplification of this fact the various departments of the TRANSCRIPT have been taxed to their utmost capacity. Business men appreciate the tasty advertisements with which we have been announcing their Christmas treats, and naturally they also turn to the TRANSCRIPT office for their supply of counting-room and office stationery for the coming year. The high class of work—in fact work or art—which we turn out at such ridiculously low prices enables all business men to keep abreast of the times, and follow in the footsteps of their city friends. Such work was never seen in Middletown before, and the TRANSCRIPT has already forged ahead of all competitors in the field in high class printing. It is worth your while to drop in and see us and get estimates.

MASCULINE MENTION.

Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, is left handed.

Amos J. Cummings is a player and a patron of the banjo.

Colonel Robert Ingersoll is an enthusiastic collector of bric-a-brac.

General Benjamin F. Butler is said to have a law practice worth $100,000 a year.

Secretary of the Treasury Foster bears a strong resemblance to pictures of the late General John C. Fremont, the pathfinder.

Chief Justice Shepherd, of the supreme court of North Carolina, began his business life as a telegraph operator in Washington.

E. F. Tilbot, stenographer at the White House, has taken down every speech the president made since his inauguration nearly four years ago.

M. Pasteur is an unlicensed practitioner and has to employ one of the regulars to perform the slightest surgical operation needed in his business.

Governor Lewelling, of Kansas, enlisted in the Federal army at the age of sixteen, but on account of youth his name was stricken from the rolls.

General John J. Perry, of Portland, Me., is one of the few surviving congressmen of the antewar period. He served two terms at Washington prior to 1861.

Charles Curtis, one of the newly elected congressmen from Kansas, traces his ancestry to the aboriginal inhabitants of the lands comprising the district in which he lives.

William H. English, Hancock's vice presidential colleague candidate, resides in Indianapolis, is worth a few millions and is rapidly making them more by his attention to business.

Edison, the electrician, is satisfied with cracked wheat and cream for lunch, and dines as plainly as if he was still a poor operator who had to count every quarter he expended.

Professor Doremus, the chemist, is a skillful amateur cornet player, and on more than one occasion he has accompanied Patti, whom he has known ever since she was a little girl.

Alvinza Hayward, one of the earliest of the gold millionaires of California, is very old and feeble now. He is worth probably $20,000,000 or more, but has dropped completely out of sight behind the newer bonanzaists.

Dr. Wekerie, Hungary's new prime minister, is a German and was formerly a farm bailiff. It is said to be the first time that a man who was neither a Magyar nor an aristocrat reached so high a post in the service of that country.

Professor Asaph Hale, of Washington, says that the quiet determination and untiring courage of his wife have not only prompted and helped him in his most difficult astronomical labors, but have encouraged him to continued efforts, even when failure seemed assured.

THE JEWEL CASKET.

The scimiter has come to test supremacy with the sword.

A charming head band is of gold, with a waving rayed diamond pin.

In corkscrews a pair of miniature riding boots reversed is quite unique.

Manicure knives and files are shown in a dozen designs, with sterling silver handles.

A new smoking set has the three pieces attached to an overhanging support above the tray.

Up to date the only thing that is not manufactured in silver for women's use is corset steels.

The latest fashion in hairdressing allows for an ornament being placed vertically, cutting it directly in two.

Fanciful fruit knives, forks and spoons in silver gilt, with Dresden china handles, almost all have a curious bend in the handle, which seems to be the last struggle for novelty.

Bonbon dishes and spoons are now regarded as a necessity. The custom of eating confectionery after dinner has assisted the demand for these dishes, which are in every conceivable style, the newest being of pierced work and silver gilt.

Jeweled pins and brooches of all sorts in rayed work are not, as heretofore, exclusively of diamonds. There is a large increase in the use of colored stones. In one such brooch the center was an opal. Diamonds composed the second row of stones and sapphires the third.—Jewelers' Circular.

WAYSIDE GLEANINGS.

Furnished flats with pianos built into the walls are the latest in New York.

At the present moment the police system in all its branches costs England close upon $20,000,000 a year.

The Paris hot water fountains for the use of the poor supply eight quarts of heated water for one cent.

Nearly 30,000 people in Great Britain pay a guinea a year for the privilege of displaying their crests on their stationery and plate.

The new iron monuments being placed on the boundary between Arizona and New Mexico are seven feet in height and weigh about 800 pounds. They are laid five miles apart.

The use of cork for bottle stoppers was the invention of a blind monk who was employed in a vineyard attached to a monastery. Previous to that time bottles were sealed with flax soaked in oil.

A glass factory at Liverpool has glass journal boxes for all of its machinery, a glass floor, glass shingles on the roof and a smokestack 105 feet high built wholly of glass bricks each a foot square.

The supreme court of Michigan has decided that a married woman cannot collect the money she earns unless she can prove that she is her husband's agent. The earnings of a wife belong to her husband to do what he pleases with.

Wanamaker's

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, December, 19

Store open evenings till 10 o'clock until Christmas.

Costs less than you suspect, perhaps, to make some one happy with a Dress. A short dozen for instances.

34-in. Fancy Suiting, 25c. Regular price, 37½c. *Ample dress pattern, $1.75.*

36-in. Mohair Stripe, self color, and Mottled Cloth Suiting, 37½c. Regular price, 50c. *Ample dress pattern, $2.63.*

42-in. Camel's-Hair Stripe Cheviot, 50c. Regular price, 75c. *Ample dress pattern, $3.*

40-in. French Serge, 50c. *Ample dress pattern, $3.50.*

45-in. French Serge, 65c Regular price, 85c. *Ample dress pattern,* $3.90.

38-in. French Jacquard, 75c. Regular price, $1 *Ample dresspattern,* $5.25.

39-in. All-wool Henriettas, 50c; *regular price* 65

39-in. All wool Henriettas, 65c: *regular price* 75c.

45-in. All-wool Henriettas, 75c; *regular price* 85c.

45-in. All-wool Henriettas. 85c; *regular price* $1.

45-in. All-wool Henriettas, $1; *regular price* $1 25

Mind you, every one of these sorts has been a free seller at the regular price. They are all in generous quantities, and the color range is full.

Ladies of quiet tastes are often on the look for a Wrap that shall join something of the ease and comfort of a Shawl with the trimness of a Coat.

Here they are. Europe sent them. Long Mantilla-like garments of soft Camel's-Hair, fine Serges, choice Vicunas and other rich stuffs, On or off as easily as a Cape. The first to come went quickly. A shipping blunder belated the last order. Maker takes the blame; the benefit may be yours— $40 Wraps at $20, all others at $25, including garments meant to sell at $65

Welcome gift to grandmother, mother or wife. No other house in America has this line.

To people having small boys—3 to 8 years— to clothe. If you give this your sober judgment 631 Suits of Boys Clothes that now belong to us will be yours before the bell rings to close the store tonight.

They are all new Warm Jersey cloth Just right to wear under a Reefer. Dark blue, tasteful and very stylish.

The prices are $2.50, $2.75; $3, $3.50 and $4.

The values are $4, $4.50. $5, and 6.50.

We have sold this season, quantities of the $4 sort at $7 50. Are you interested? Come early. If this community realizes this statement these Suits will go out in six hours.

Book choosing. Harder and harder every year—unless you *know* what you want. Not one in a hundred goes to the Book counter with mind made up. Not one in ten but buys almost haphazard in the Holiday rush—there's such a choice of editions, bindings and all that, even when you know the author and the book.

Not a bit of need for this uncertainly. You can bring all Holiday Bookdom to your easy chair-side if you wish. Rub a nickel right and the BOOK NEWS genii will be at your elbow—Magic glass and magic carpet as well.

148 big pages jammed full of just the words about Books that a book-wise friend would use to give you pointers.

And there are sample pictures—*ninety* of them—picked from the Books of the season, and now and then illustrative bits of letter press.

Read December BOOK NEWS and you needn't stumble in the December Book picking.

BOOK NEWS is 5c a copy, 50c a year.

Half a dozen Holiday Books;

Gallery of Bida Engravings, 100 descriptive scenes and themes from the life of Jesus, 100 full page engravings. Oblong 8x11 in., parti-colored cloth, 75c.

A History of the United States, from 1492 to 1891, by Ridpath. 800 pages, 300 illustrations, $1.25.

Imperial Galaxy of Poetry and Art. 543 pages, illustrated, octavo, gilt edges, $1.20.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Holiday Times. Do You See Where the Crowds are Going? Plenty of Good Goods for Plenty of Good People. A Few Help Hints for Present Purchasing.

DEPARTMENT NO. 1.

All kinds of nicest novelties ever seen in town.

JEWELRY

Sterling silver Scarf Pins 35c. Sterling silver Souvenir Spoons $1.50. Solid gold Baby Rings, $1.00 and 1.50. Plated Rings from 25 to 75 cts. Plated Scarf Pins from 5c, to $1.00. Gold filled Shirt Buttons, 25c, to 50c. Gold filled Shirt Studs 75c, to $1.25 the sett, warranted 20 years. Quadruple plate Napkin Rings, 50c. Souvenir Spoons. 50c, and 75c. Child's 3 piece sett, 50c, to $1.50. Gold plated Cuff Buttons, Breastpins and a hundred other little articles just suitable for making a friend happy.

WICKER WARE.

Have you seen those Fancy Baskets? Some in Blue, some in Pink, some in Yellow. Each one a credit to the maker. Delicate looking, yet almost unbreakable. Baskets for all purposes, work, knitting, scraps and toilet, a thousand used around the house. You can buy the littlest ones for 5c, each, then by easy stages up to $1.50.

LINEN.

Spotless Linen is needed at all times and all seasons.

The handsomest of the handsomest of Table Damasks. The weave takes the shape of all sorts of figures unique Then you must have the Napkins, really more than the covers. The prices are suited to the times.

BLANKETS.

With handsome borders, soft as down, all weights, all sizes and up to $6.00 in price. The cheapest one 75c, pair.

WHITE SPREADS.

All designs.

FANCY STAMPED HEMSTITCHED LINENS.

For embroidery work. Doylies, Pillow Shams, Centre pieces, Clothes Cases, all ready for you to work.

NEW DRESS GOODS.

Coming in every day or two. Plenty of styles and colorings to choose from. Plenty of prices to suit all.

LEATHER GOODS.

Traveling Bags, Blacking setts, Comb and Brush setts, Collar and Cuff Cases, combined and Separate, Toilet setts, Pocket Books and Card Cases combined and separate, Cabbas, Trunks, odd figures on some and others extremely plain.

DEPARTMENT NO. 2.—Groceries and Chinaware.

X-MAS IN CHINA.

Our tables are covered, our shelves are over flowing with beautiful works of art in glass and chinaware direct from the importers. Let us suggest Caraffes, Etched Austrian Glass, 60c, each. Tumblers to match 90c, dozen. Water setts, consisting of Glass Pitcher, Waiter, Finger Bowl and two Goblets, $1.25 the sett. Handsomely Decorated Vases, the handiwork of our Cousin Germans, 45c, 50c, 60c, each. Bohemian Glass Baskets, twisted and drawn into an hundred shapes, suitable for cut flowers, 75c. $1 00 and 1.25 each. Decidedly the handsomest and most varied display of decorated Cups and Saucers we have ever had. All sorts and shapes, large and small, but on each the colors are perfectly blended, 25c, 30, 40c, and 50c. Moustache Cups and Saucers, 25c, 35c, 45c, and 50c. Decorated Cream Pitchers, 10c. and 30c. Individual Cut Glass Salts, 75c. dozen Individual Decorated Butter Dishes, 75c, dozen. Magnificently Decorated Bed Room Toilet setts, Dinner setts, Tea setts. China Night Lamps, very neat, 25c, each.

REYNOLD'S FOUR STORES

TEN Departments.

HARDWARE.

Pocket Knives, for both sexes, Scissors, Carvers in various handles, Dinner Knives, Forks, Spoons.

CANDIES, FRUITS AND NUTS.

Your Holiday will be incomplete without the Good Things of life. A Christmas without Candy would be as a cake without sugar. A fairly good mixture, 10c, lb. The best for the money in town. The best of all is 40c, lb. Compare our goods with others costing 5c, to 10c, a pound more. All kinds of stick Candy and Chocolates.

NUTS.

Enlish Walnuts, the foreign kind, 18c. Buttternuts 10c, lb. Almonds 25c, and 35c, lb. London Layer Raisins, 15c, lb., 2 lbs. for 25c. Loose Muscatels 8c, lb. Cocoanuts, 4c, each. Layer Figs, 18c, lb.

FRUITS.

Bananas, 12c, dozen, oranges, 18c, dozen Lemons 18c, dozen. Apples, the best, 85c, Basket All our Candies and Fruits are absolutely Fresh and Pure.

DEPARTMENT NO. 3.—Shoes and Slippers.

We have just opened another case of those Ladies' Shoes at $1.00. A remarkable value. The next grade is $1 25. Then $1.50, 2.25, 3 00 to 4.50.

Men's Boots and Shoes are worthy of your notice at this season of the year. We have 'em in all grades, all sizes, all prices.

Don't forget the Baby. Everything in the way of shoes to make his feet look right. Not great clumsy looking mud scrapers, 50c, pair.

Slippers for both Men and Boys, from 75c, to $2 50 per pair.

DEPARTMENT NO. 4—Men's Furnishings.—Hats.

This Department is now one of the most complete in the State. Every day we are adding new goods to our already large stock.

NECKWEAR.

A perfect rainbow of colorings. Beautiful shapes Proper prices, 25c, and 50c.

We are the exclusive agents for Cluett, Coon & Co.'s Arrow Brand Collars and Cuffs. The prices are 2 Collars, 25c., 2 pairs Cuffs, 25c. Did you ever try them? Five style collars.

SHIRTS.

Laundered Shirts at $1.00. 1.25 1.50. Unlaundered Shirts, 50c, 75c, $1.00.

HOSIERY.

An excellent aricle, 2 pieces for 25c, either Black, White or Brown mixed. The better grades go up to 50c, pair.

OVERALLS.

All kinds, best qualities.

UNDERWEAR.

In Red, White and Grey. The largest line to choose from. The prices have been "frazzled." All of it has been reduced from 10 to 40 per cent. The continued warm weather is the cause.

HATS.

The largest variety of styles ever in the town. All shapes of Derbys and Crush Hats. All at reasonable and seasonable prices.

Positively no Shoddy Goods in any of our 4 stores. All useful as well as ornamental.

Customers who come early in the day will be attended to more promptly. Make our stores your home while you are in town.

☞ Stores open evenings until 9 o'clock. Saturday until Midnight. Goods delivered up to the hour of closing.

Suitable X-Mas Gifts

Are you looking for suitable presents for the Christmas Holiday Season? If so we would suggest that you call at DUNNING'S Old Established Headquarters, which has been catering to the tastes of this community for the past 25 years. With his long experience in this line of goods he is able to meet the demand. Our stock in part consists of

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A Beautiful Line of BOOKLETS, Choice Subjects.

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Open every evening until Christmas.

The most pleasant time to do your buying is between 8 and 11 o'clock in the morning. After that you will have to take your chances in the crowd.

Isn't it strange how prone we all are to leave everthing until the last day or two—try it the other way this time, which is a word for us as well as you.

Rugs spread around a house make it additionally attractive. They are here in profusion.

Smyrna Rugs, same on both sides, in a great variety of new designs—75 cents to $50.

Moquette Rugs—Soft, rich and elegant, in low tones of coloring—$1.15 to $4.50

Byzantine Rugs.—Stylish novelties and very durable—$1 to $50.

Fur Rugs.—Angora Sheep and Chinese goat, long, soft hair, in combinations and plain centres with contrasting borders—$1.60 to $40.

Animal Rugs.—In combinations of Fox, Wolf Brown and Cinnamon Bear, and all plain in black, white and grey Fox—from $2.50 to $14.

The best carpet sweeper made is the "Gold Medal," and why—it sweeps better than a broom—its rapidly-revolving brush goes into the nap of the carpet and lifts the dirt from where the broom never reaches—the carpet stays swept, there's no dust to fall back on it. This sweeper is sold only by us—$3.

A Hassock around a house seems almost a necessity—there's hundreds here to select from — star-shaped, round, scalloped and square from 35 cents up.

You are always on the hunt for good stockings for the children. The imperial black Onyx extra heavy ribbed Stocking we recommend above all others.

With its indestructible black, double knees, double toes and double heels, the Onyx is *par excellence*. Sizes 7 to 10, 25 cents per pair.

Stuffed Cats, Stuffed Dogs, Stuffed Chris, Stuffed Dolls, Stuffed Elephants, even the Globe is stuffed—any of them 12½ cents.

Our Handkerchief Department is sending these desirable goods out by the thousands—linen and silk, plain and initials. Our assortment of Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, embroidered in white and colors, are the daintiest, prettiest and most catchy goods in this line, from 10 cents to $2. Remember, the morning is the best time at the Handkerchief Department

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The sale of CANDIES at our store during the past two weeks. That 4000 pounds that we told you about is all gone and we have this week received several thousand pounds more so that our friends may not be disappointed. We have sold

MORE CANDIES, DOLL AND TOYS

Than were ever sold in any one store before, and our prices are lower than were ever known. WE LEAD the trade, and when you come to Middletown do not leave without first paying a visit to

UNDER TOWN HALL

Messick's Palace of Holiday Goods and Novelties

SCISSORINGS.

"Do you think our new play will be a success?"

"Well, goodness knows, it ought to be. The manager has crowded all of it out except the specialties!"—*Truth.*

St. Paul, Minn., Mr. Wm. McCoy, 543 Thomas St., gives Dr. Bulls Cough Syrup his unqualified sanction as follows: "Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the best remedy that I have ever used. I had such a cough and cold I could hardly speak above a whisper and I took one twenty-five cent bottle of the syrup and am now ll right."

Maud.—"When you said yes, did he draw you gently to him, kiss you passionately, and then did you hide your blushing face on his breast?"

Angelina.—"Not much. He had on one of those Scotch tweed suits."

The merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla is proven by the many wonderful cures it is accomplishing. It is just the medicine for you.

She—I suppose you would have been happier if you had not married me?

He—Yes, darling, but I wouldn't have known it.—*Life.*

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Theosophist.—"Why don't you abandon the old religions and take up theosophy?"

Churchman—"I can't. Theosophy requires too much faith."—*New York Weekly.*

The Plain Truth

Is good enough for Hoods Sarsaparilla—there is no need of embellishment or sensationalism. Simply what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, that tells the story of its merit. If you have never realized its benefits a single bottle will convince you it is a good medicine.

The highest praise has been won by Hood's Pills for their easy, yet efficient action. Sold by all druggists. Price 25 cents.

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"I'm counting the cost of the incubator and the eggs. This was the only one that hatched."

Easily answered.—If a strong man, who has frequently suffered pain, grows impatient and rebellious, how much more impatient should be the baby who does not know what suffering means. For the pains of colic, teething, etc., Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup is the sovereign remedy. Price 25 cents.

It is a hard thing to treat nasal catarrh in children; but Old Saul's Catarrh Cure is easy to use, safe and efficacious. Sold everywhere for 25 cents.

"Don't you think, Mr. Brightside, that lying is the ugliest of all vices?"

"Well, I can't say I think it the prettiest, but at least it is the best thing we have discovered yet when we don't want to tell the truth."—*Harper's Bazar.*

What's better for a wound than Salvation Oil? Echo answers: "What." We answer: "Nothing." "So say we all of us, so say we all!" Only 25 cents.

A poor unfortunate in Milwaukee is said to have sneezed himself to death. Alas! poor creature, living in the light of the nineteenth century and never heard of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Well, this is more than Egyptian darkness!

How many people know that the monument that Laban and Jacob set up near the borders of Canaan and called "Mizpah," or a lookout, was erected in suspicion rather than love? The literal meaning was this: "The Lord watch between thee and me when we are absent one from the other, and see that you are not up to some new trick as soon as my back is turned."

So when it is inscribed in an engagement ring it might mean: "The Lord watch and see that you do not flirt when we are absent one from the other."

Some fancy the charms of the lily-white maid,
Of ethereal form and languishing eye,
Who faints in the sunshine and drops in the shade,
And is always "just ready to die."

But give me the girl of the sunshiny face,
The blood in whose veins courses healthy and free,
With the vigor of youth in her movements of grace,
Oh, that is the maiden for me!

She is the girl to "tie to" for life. The sickly, complaining woman may be an object of love and pity, but she ceases to be a "thing of beauty" worn down by female weakness and disorders, subject to hysteria and a martyr to bearing-down pains. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a sure cure for these distressing complaints, and will transform the feeble, drooping sufferer into a healthy, happy, blooming woman. Guaranteed to give satisfaction in every case, or money paid for it refunded.

Married Man.—"And you are engaged to Miss Blankie?"

Young Friend.—"Yes; I watched her a whole day on a railroad train, and became so interested in her that I followed her up, got an introduction and now we are to be married."

"Was she traveling alone?"

"No, she was with her mother, and her kindness to her mother is what captured me."

"But, gee Willikins, old man, she'll go on being kind to her mother."

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

It Is the Most Cherished and Popular of Holiday Institutions.

The Christmas tree is cherished with the same loving affection as ever. It may not be fashionable in the parlors of the aristocratic, to whom few seasons bring any of the deeper feelings which fill the minds of men and women whose lives are not made up of cold formality. But among the great majority of the people the joys of Christmas day will not be complete without the Christmas tree, with its numerous tiny tapers its oranges, apples, bonbons, gilded crackers and the present which is to surprise the fond papa, who has been aware of its existence for three or four weeks. Nor will the day have so firm a hold on the mind of the young were it not for those rosy cheeked dolls peeping from behind the green leaves, those watches which are striking (ticking might be a better word) proofs of perpetual motion, and those bright little men who show such an amount of good temper that they repay the child who beheads them with a supply of sweetmeats which their little heads carefully preserved from view.

A thousand more things there are to keep the Christmas tree ever green in the mind of the young and even the old. According to the dealers, the middle classes are the largest buyers of this happy emblem of the day, and in the matter of nationality the Irish and the German lead the way. The trees are pine and cedar, the former coming from Wisconsin and the latter from Missouri. Yesterday the hospital matron, the Sunday school miss and a great many more were to be seen making their bargains for the best trees they could select, and some of them reach as high as twenty-eight feet.

Green holly, contrasting pleasantly with red berries, is also in the market, and there is ivy woven into tempting wreaths by knowing traders. Most of the holly and ivy come from the south. For the rest the merchants and bankers say that money is easier than it has been for a long time, and therefore it is freely spent. With the sight of snow and a little frost on his window pane, as one glanced from his room in the morning, the city would present a truly Christmas aspect.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Christmas Pudding.

One pound of beef suet chopped fine, one pound of dried and sifted flour, one pound of raisins, one pound of currants, one pound of brown sugar, half a pound of citron, the grated peel of two lemons and one orange, one teaspoonful each of salt, powdered cloves, cinnamon and allspice, one nutmeg grated, two teaspoonfuls of mace, eight eggs, one gill milk, one of brandy and one of wine, two ounces of almonds bleached and chopped. Chop the suet very fine and free it from strings, mix with the flour, add the eggs and sugar beaten together, the fruit dredged with flour, the spices, grated peel, milk and brandy. Mix thoroughly, put into three one quart fancy molds with tight covers and steam four or five hours. They can be heated by steaming for an hour at any time and will keep indefinitely. If the flavor of almonds is not liked they can be omitted.

It is important that these puddings be steamed, not boiled. The writer dislikes the practice of pouring brandy over and lighting it, claiming that it imparts a disagreeable flavor.—New York Herald.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

VAST SUMS SPENT ON THE CAROLING PROCESSIONS LONG AGO.

In Italy the Calabrian Shepherds Come Down from the Mountains to Greet the Child Jesus with Soft, Sweet Notes. Queer Music of the Puritans.

To review even briefly the wonderful Christmas singing and playing in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth centuries is beyond our limits; yet what scenes, splendid, romantic and glowing with life, form and color, mention of those old pageants can summon up! Account books of the day, preserved in the British museum, show what vast sums were spent upon them. Cheapside, Tower hill, Southwark, even forlorn and fallen Whitechapel, were scenes of such festivities. They wake to life as we read of the caroling processions of the olden time; yet, as may well be imagined, such redundant doings led to excesses, and then authority had to step in. Ministers and priests forbade much that had been customary, while with the Puritans came an absolute law against even the singing of carols.

Queer droning music, tuneless and depressing, was that of Cromwell's choice; yet here and there, in the homes of the better classes, voices were not to be silenced. Had they not the precedent of the angels? As Jeremy Taylor says of that first Christmas music, "As soon as those blessed choristers had sung their Christmas carol, and taught the church a hymn to put into her offices forever on the anniversary of this festivity, the angels returned to heaven;" their earthly message sung for all a waking Christian world. Meantime in other lands the people had caught up the song of the nativity.

In Italy the music of Christmas day for centuries was famous, the Sistine chapel being historic for its work of praise that great day, and from the sweep of the "Benedictus" and "Magnificat" we reach the sweet soft notes of those Calabrian shepherds, called Pifferari, who come down from the mountains to sing Christmas hymns from place to place, visiting chiefly stables where they have a tradition the Child Jesus has passed by.

To dictate precisely what should and what should not constitute good Christmas singing is not possible, but of course there are, as in every branch of the divine art, certain guiding rules, the first one being that all music appropriate for the day should be joyous and expressive of thanks to God, while there are solemn parts of every service of such thanksgiving, of course, as with every deep joy is the "stillness" in heart and voice and utterance. No home but should have its own festival of rejoicing, and let those who seek for home harmonies search only the nowels or carols of France, or the hymns of those English writers who had vast cathedral aisles to fill, yet contrived to preserve an exquisite simplicity in all their work.

We need to preserve every Christian tradition dearly. If the yule log cannot be lighted, yet from year to year we can surely keep a fire of good will and cheer and rekindle the old flame, as they who have the yule are wont to do. In the old times, after the Christmas dinner had been enjoyed, the loving cup was passed around, doors at one end of the long hall were thrown open, and there entered a company of perhaps fifty persons—guests of the host, humble men and women and children, invited from far and wide. After a word of welcome all arose, and as with one voice sang that most perfect of old Christmas hymns, "With Hearts Truly Grateful."

Centuries ago other carols were sung there, and, as now, a feast provided for one and all, while the question of rank was for that day forgotten. Later in the orchards, the songs of the season were sung—a tradition prevailing that this insures a good crop for all during the coming year.

Our theme is endless, yet it is embodied in one dominant idea. Whether the notes of a great organ fill a cathedral, whether the humblest little band of "waifs" go from door to door, there should be one thought uppermost—we sing the message of the angels, we praise God, and our hearts should remember that peace on earth is the glory of the day.—Lucy C. Lillie in Harper's Bazar.

Seasonable Selections.

At Christmas be merry and thankful withal,
And feast thy poor neighbors, the great with the small.

—Thomas Tusser

If thou wouldst walk in light,
Make other spirits bright.

C. Seymour

Thou who wast born and cradled in a manger!
Hast gladdened our poor earth with hope and rest;
Oh, best beloved, come not as a stranger,
But tarry, Lord, our friend and Christmas guest.

—Sarah Doudney

Christmas is here;
Winds whistle shrill,
Icy and chill,
Little care we;
Little we fear
Weather without,
Sheltered about
The mahogany tree.

—Thackeray.

Miscellaneous Adv's.

FOOT BALLS GIVEN AWAY With every Boy's Short-pants Suit or Overcoat we begin this morning to give away as a Holiday inducement a splendid Rubber Football and Key. They are the best there is in the market, like the Clothing, and having a larger stock than we like and wanted to call the Boys' attention to it, we take this method of interesting them. The goods are right, the prices low, and you get the Footballs as an advertisement from us. Whether our best or cheapest goods, every boy gets a Football with his Suit or Overcoat. Sterling values in every Department, Clothing, Tailoring, Furnishings, Hats and Shoes.

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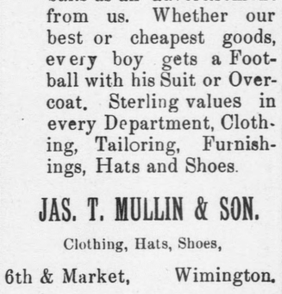

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"When I was 4 or 5 years old I had a scrofulous sore on the middle finger of my left hand, which got so bad that the doctors cut the finger off, and later took off more than half my hand. Then the sore broke out on my arm, came out on my neck and face on both sides, nearly destroying the sight of one eye, also on my right arm. Doctors said it was the

Worst Case of Scrofula

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BY THE BARD OF TOWER HALL.

When Columbus made up his mind
There was a world beyond the sea,
He little thought what years would do
For his great discovery,
The savage then did prowl the woods,
Striving by foul or fair,
With tomahawk and scalping knife
To filt the white man's hair;
Lucky was he who on his head
Allowed no hair to grow;
Bald-heads were at a premium
Four hundred years ago.
No locomotives then were known,
Revolvers, gas or coal;
No Traction then did own the street
Or erect their Trolley pole.
No "Tower Hall" clothed their fellow-men
As they now do—right low,
Those were the times that tried men's clothes,
Four hundred years ago.
All "Market street" where "Tower Hall"
Points out the poet's Stand"
Was then a howling wilderness
Of marshy, swampy land;
Well for us all those times have not
"Remained in statu quo."
"A stylish suit" had nev'r been seen
Four hundred years ago.
Perhaps four hundred years from hence
Great lecturers by scores
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Of "Tower Hall's" Clothing Stores.
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Caution.—W. L. Douglas' name and the price is stamped on the bottom of each shoe; look for it when you buy. Beware of dealers attempting to substitute other makes for them. Such substitutions are fraudulent and subject to prosecution by law for obtaining money under false pretences.

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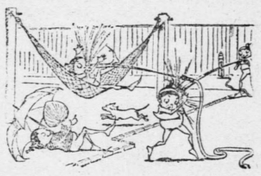

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Delmar,			3.05	3.55
Laurel,			3.16	4.06
Seaford,			3.28	4.17
Cannons,			3.36	4.24
Bridgeville,			3.49	4.39
Greenwood,			3.51	4.38
Farmington,			3.59	4.47
Harrington,		7.50	4.11	5.00
Felton,		7.59	4.20	5.09
Viola,		8.03	4.23	5.13
Woodside,		8.07	4.26	5.17
Wyoming,	7.05	8.14	4.33	5.24
Dover,	7.11	8.20	4.40	5.31
Dupont,	7.14			
Cheswold,	7.20		4.49	5.40
Brenford,	7.24		4.55	5.47
Smyrna Ju	7.19	8.28	4.51	5.53
Clayton,	7.32	8.37	5.01	6.03
Green Spring,	7.33			5.59
Blackbird	7.39		5.11	6.04
Townsend,	7.44	8.51	5.16	6.09
Middletown	7.53	9.01	5.25	6.18
Armstrong,	7.57			6.23
Mt. Pleasant,	8.01		5.33	6.28
Kirkwood,	8.09		5.42	6.38
Porter's,	8.15	9.21	5.46	6.43
Bear	8.20		5.51	6.48
State Road,	8.25		5.56	6.53
New Castle,	8.31	9.34	6.02	7.00
Farnhurst,	8.36	9.39		
Wilmington,	8.45	9.48	6.15	7.13
Baltimore,	10.37	11.10	8.05	9.25
Philadelphia,	9.32	10.38	8.01	7.59

	SOUTHWARD. PASS. A.M.	EXP. A.M.	PASS. P.M.	PASS. P.M.
Philadelphia,	7.37	10.33	3.02	3.56
Baltimore,	6.30	8.50	12.05	5.00
Wilmington,	8.15	11.18	2.50	4.37
Farnhurst	8.24		12.37	
New Castle,	8.29		3.04	
State Road,	8.36		12.07	
Bear	8.41		12.12	
Porter's	8.50		12.17	4.58
Kirkwood,	8.54	11.42	12.21	
Mt. Pleasant	9.03		12.29	
Armstrong,	9.05			
Middletown	9.11	11.58	3.37	5.25
Townsend,	9.20		12.45	5.30
Blackbird,	9.25		12.49	
Green Spring,	9.31		12.55	
Clayton,	9.37	12.15	3.59	5.40
Smyrna Ju	9.37	12.05	3.50	5.33
Brenford,	9.42		14.04	
Cheswold	9.46		14.10	
Dupont,			14.13	
Dover,	9.59	12.31	4.19	6.00
Wyoming,	10.06	12.37	4.26	
Woodside	10.13		14.33	
Viola	10.17		14.37	
Felton,	10.22	12.48	4.41	6.18
Harrington,	10.35	1.02	4.50	6.30
Farmington	10.42	1.09		16.38
Greenwood,	10.51	1.16		16.46
Bridgeville,	11.00	11.24		6.55
Cannons	11.05			17.00
Seaford,	11.15	1.35		7.08
Laurel,	11.27	1.46		7.19
Delmar,	11.40	1.55		7.30

‖Daily. §Daily except Sunday.

"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

"f" Stops on signal, or on notice to conductor.

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"l" Stops to leave passengers from points south.

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GOSSIP ABOUT JOCKEYS.

James Rowe, the accomplished starter, says that John Lamley is the best boy that ever went to the post.

Bergen is the greatest waiting jockey in existence. His insufferable patience has cost him many a race. He never smiles.

Jimmy Lamley is the cleverest lightweight seen in years. Many close observers back him with a confidence as firm as that with which they follow Garrison.

Hayward, popularly known as "Daddy Hayward," is one of the old school of English jockeys, always quiet, self contained, polite, agreeable and with an eye single to duty.

Midgley goes about with a judicial manner, as if the world were on his diminutive shoulders and the responsibility were crushing him down. In months he has not smiled.

Taral is nearly always laughing. Even when defeated he dismounts smiling and shakes his head at the winning horse, as if to say, "Old fellow, you're a good one; I'd like to have been on your back."

Hamilton's most noticeable peculiarity is his extremely short stirrup. Like Garrison, he rides very close to his horse's neck, and in his best form is a very powerful finisher. He is not bad tempered, but usually looks cross.

Littlefield is undoubtedly the most bungling rider in the world in a tight finish. He cannot whip and ride at the same time without shaking himself nearly out of the saddle. He is a fair judge of pace, has a cool head and good seat and hands.

The apostle of the "kill or win" creed is Garrison, the "snapper." In a tight finish he will take more out of a horse than any four jockeys now in the saddle. The animal that wins under him in a punishing race doesn't want to do anything but lie down for a week.

Doggett has no style in riding, main strength and awkwardness being his chief equipment. He rides with too long a rein and does not undulate gracefully with his mount. His mouth hangs open, as if the supports of the lower jaw had been cut away, giving him the appearance of perfect inanity.—Horseman.

CHARACTER IN WALKING.

Quick steps are indicative of energy or agitation.

Tiptoe walking symbolizes surprise, curiosity, discretion or mystery.

Turned in toes are often found with preoccupied, absentminded persons.

The miser's walk is represented as stooping, noiseless, with short, nervous, anxious steps.

Slow steps, whether long or short, suggest a gentle or reflective state of mind, as the case may be.

The proud step is slow and measured; the toes are conspicuously turned out; the legs straightened.

Where a revengeful purpose be hidden under a feigned smile, the step will be slinking and noiseless.

The direction of the steps, wavering and following every changing impulse of the mind, inevitably betrays uncertainty, hesitation and indecision.

Obstinate people who in an argument rely more on muscularity than on intellectual power rest the feet flat and firm on the ground, walk heavily and slowly, and stand with the legs firmly planted and far apart.

THE NEWEST INVENTIONS.

A coin-in-the-slot umbrella stand.

A safe hinge that works on ball bearings.

A hollow cane constructed to hold several matches in line with each other, and a means of pushing a match out and automatically igniting it.

A lampblack machine consisting of two revolving wheels, with broad rims, placed above a series of burners, while scrapers take off the black as fast as formed.

A new pipe with two connected nicotine chambers arranged one above the other, and a smoke tube communicating with the upper edge of the lower chamber.

An arrangement to enable one easily to withdraw photographs from albums, consisting of a handle to grasp the card and guides to keep the photograph straight as it comes through the slot.

A safety device for elevators, consisting of a recessed rack in the wall and a similar arrangement on the car, a series of balls located in the space between them, so that if the elevator descends too rapidly they become wedged and stop all movement.—Philadelphia Record.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Every fifth boy in India is at school, but only every fiftieth girl.

Mr. H. A. Massey, of Toronto, has given $20,000 toward the building fund of Wesley college, the new Methodist institution to be erected in Winnipeg.

The University of Pennsylvania, which now has a post graduate department for women, is to add a course in interior decoration to the work of the school of architecture.

Of the four Dutch universities, three, Leyden, Utrecht and Amsterdam, are open to women, of whom a goodly number avail themselves of the privilege. The coeducational system prevails at the smaller schools, and the gymnasiums are open to girls.

Dr. Chaney, president of Bates college, illustrates the progress of coeducation by telling the story of how a man in 1865, on being asked how many students were attending the college, answered, "Forty three students and a nigger and a woman,' and adds, "Now there are forty women in the classes."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Throw chloride of lime in rat holes.

Drink cream for a burned mouth and throat.

To get rust off knives rub with emery powder moistened with oil.

A teaspoonful of borax added to cold starch will make clothes very stiff.

A celebrated doctor has decided that walking is the exercise most conducive to physical beauty in women.

In the front rank of vulgar errors is the idea that eating tea leaves will make the skin pure and white. It won't, and it will hurt your digestion.

If you dip your broom in clear hot suds once a week, then shake it till it is almost dry and hang it up or stand it with the handle down, it will last twice as long as it would without this operation.

A wall that is inclined to be damp may be made impervious to moisture by applying a varnish of one part shellac to two of naphtha. The disagreeable odor soon departs and it is ready to be papered as soon as dry.

Anecdote of Sherman's Son.

A detachment of soldiers were told off to take charge of young Tom (now Father) Sherman while crossing the pontoon bridge across the Potomac when the armies of the country were coming to Washington to take part in the great review there in 1865. He was then about eight years old.

One of the men asked him if he expected to grow up as smart a man as his father, the general, and he promptly answered, "No!" "Why?" was the next question. "Well," he replied with the same readiness, "there are plenty other men who have grown up, and why ain't they as smart as my father?"—Philadelphia Times.

Looking glasses of polished bronze or silver were a necessary adjunct to the toilet in ancient as well as modern times.

During the Sixteenth century all widows were required to dress in the plain robes worn by conventual orders.

BALDUR AND THE MISTLETOE.

How the God of Oratory and Poetry Died—A Legend of the North.

The mythology of the north unfolds to us the fatal power of the mistletoe in the charming myth of Baldur, the young god of oratory and of poetry.

Baldur the Good was the favorite son of Odin, and beloved of all the gods especially for his marvelous beauty and courage. From a succession of terrible dreams he believed himself doomed to death and related the hideous vision to the assembled gods, who with one accord determined to avert from him all danger and to this end conjured all things. Frigga, his mother, exacted from the elements and from all things in nature, animate and inanimate, a vow under no circumstances to do him harm.

Thus protected Baldur, as of yore, led the chase and courted danger in protean form, giving himself as a target for the other gods' arrows, battleaxes and other weapons, who, believing that, do what they would, they could do him no hurt, thus sported with his valor, deeming it an honor paid to Baldur.

Loki, the detractor of the gods and the author of all their misfortunes, angered that no harm could befall Baldur, and filled with envy and jealousy at the tribute thus paid to him by the other gods, resorted to strategy to find some way to work him evil. Assuming the disguise of a woman, he sought the abode of Frigga, and asked her if she knew how the gods were employed. She replied to the question, and to the passionate love and pride of the mother for her darling, gifted son, that they were testing their skill and the merits of their weapons upon Baldur, who was unscathed by them.

"Aye, aye," Frigga made answer; "naught can hurt Baldar. I have exacted an oath from all things to do him no harm."

"What!" exclaimed the deceiver; "have all things really sworn to spare Baldur?"

"All things," returned Frigga, "except an insignificant plant that grows near Walhalla, called 'mistletoe;' any thing so weak could do him no harm."

Hastily Loki left the presence of Frigga, and resuming his own shape searched for and found the frail plant. Appearing amid the gods with a branch of mistletoe, he directed it with aim so sure that Baldur was pierced through the heart and expired instantly.—New York Ledger.

Boiled Turkey and Oyster Sauce.

Boiled turkey should be fixed exactly like roast turkey, except that after being trussed it is bound in a white cloth and boiled continuously for from one hour and a quarter to one and a half, according as its weight varies from six to ten pounds. It is usually dished with oyster sauce. To make oyster sauce, save all the juice in opening the oysters; cut off the beards and put them to boil in the liquor, with a bit of mace and lemon peel; put the oysters into cold water and drain them; strain the liquor; add to it the oysters just drained from the cold water, with a lump of butter rubbed in a little flour and enough milk to make the amount of sauce required. Put on the fire and let it boil a few moments, stirring constantly. Serve at once. A little squeeze of lemon is an improvement.—Philadelphia Record.

Not Ashamed of Her Standing.

St. Louis Girl—What did you find in your stocking—a grand piano?

Chicago Girl—No; a 10-acre lot with a house on it.—Exchange.

ON SOME FORGOTTEN POEMS.

Dead rhymes are here that no man comes to read;
Dead as the flowers that robed the maiden Spring
To wed with Summer when the streams were freed
And all the birds began to nest and sing.

If some one plucked the flowers and laid them by
Between the prim white pages that I hold,
The crushed and faded leaves would dim the eye
And leave the yearning heart uncheered and cold.

But, sweeter flowers of rhyme, amid the gloom
And silent dust of all the silent shelves,
You keep your glory and your primal bloom!
And live, if not for others, for yourselves.

And when I chance to open wide the page,
Behold, your beauty breaks upon the earth,
And all the splendor of a buried age
Is born again with glad, immortal birth.

And happy I may hear the master hand
Sweep down the lyre and wake each vibrant chord
That swells with glory of a sweeter land,
Where life was hope and love alone was lord.

So let the cover close, the page grow gray
Amid the dust where no eye comes to see.
My heart alone the song shall hold and sway—
The poet's dream shall wake a world for me.
—W. J. Henderson in Harper's Weekly.

He Cut the Rope.

The architect Viollet-le-Duc was one day on the Schwarzenberg glacier, at a height of about 9,000 feet, accompanied by Baptiste, the guide, who marched in front. The two men were attached to each other by a rope, as is usual in Alpine mountaineering.

The guide had passed over a crevasse, but when M. Viollet-le-Duc attempted to cross it he failed and fell into the abyss. The guide tried to pull him out, but instead he found himself gradually descending.

The architect perceived that his companion, if he persisted in the attempt to save him, would surely share his fate, and he asked if Baptiste had a family.

"A wife and children," was the answer.

"Then," said Viollet-le-Duc quietly. "I shall cut the rope."

He did so and fell, but a block of ice thirty feet lower down stopped his descent. When Baptiste saw this, and that for a time the danger was lessened, he went in search of help and returned with four stout peasants. Three hours afterward Viollet-le-Duc was extricated.

In spite of his perilous position, the ruling passion was strong with the artist, for, although he was almost covered with icicles from the dripping water, he had contrived to make drawings of the novel effects he was able to perceive.—Youth's Companion.

Little Nell, dining with the grown up members of the family, gazes contemplatively at each one in turn, then remarks slowly, "All the ladies has they bangs over they noses and all the gentlemen has they bangs under they noses."—Harper's Bazar.

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THE COMPARISON BETWEEN THESE FESTIVE DAYS.

How It is Looked Upon By Our City Friends and Their Country Cousins—What Is Said And Done By Each.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY.

Christmas in a large city is always a time of bustle. It is a bustle that begins weeks in advance. The Christmas goods are most of them in place in November, but people do not get their purchasing done then, when the shops would be less crowded than later on.

Oh, no. They wait until every one else suddenly recollects that the holidays are close at hand, and then they begin, under the most unfavorable circumstances, the delicate task of choosing appropriate gifts for the people of widely varying tastes. The woman who would deliberate for half an hour over her selection of a birthday present for a fastidious friend did the birthday come in the middle of the year will rashly buy right and left, taking what she can get rather than what she wishes, and thank Heaven if she escapes with life preserved and garments intact from the crowd who are submitting to the same voluntary martyrdom.

These foolish ones who have neglected to buy oil for their lamps until the last moment have their uses as parts of a spectacle. Possibly they would not relish the suggestion that they are to be regarded as the shifting fragments of a kaleidoscope, but that is the aspect in which they present themselves to any one who has the time to draw aside from the procession into a sheltered corner and watch the hurrying tide of humanity.

How business-like they all look, and yet how different from the ordinary business crowd on the common shopping thoughts intent! These people almost all have an air of suppressed excitement about them, and the scraps of conversation one catches as they pass all turn upon the one great subject.

"Well, I've just bought him the loveliest smoking jacket."

"I'm sure I hope she'll like the pin. I couldn't think of anything else she needed."

"Mary for the love of Mercy, tell me what to get for Aunt Anne! She has every thing in the world already."

All this and much more may be noted on the shopping streets for three or four weeks before the 25th. As the day draws nearer the crowd becomes denser, the aspect of its members more preoccupied. The streets are lined with fakirs who sell mechanical toys warranted to get out of order within twenty-four hours, rubber balls, screaming baloons, hideous little figures that are inflated by the breath and whose collapse is as sudden as their distensions, warbling whistles, jumping jacks, gold, silver and bronze tinsel for Christmas trees, watchman's rattles, walking dolls and dancing bears. Venders of Christmas trees and greens, of English holly and mistletoe shout their wares, and the steps are besieged by importunate flower boys.

In the midst of all the gayety are the blind, lame and palsied, peddlers of shoe laces, lead pencils and hairpins, who are evidently moved with the hope that while the angel of generosity is troubling the human flood they may be able to step in and win a share of its blessing. And always on the outskirts of the crowd is to be heard the wheezing wail of an accordian or the asthmatic pipe of a superannuated and demoralized hand organ, played by an old, very old man, or a woman with a baby on her knees

On Christmas, in the uptown shopping districts, the streets grow quieter after a while. Here the well to do make their purchases, and they have gone home to their dinners. Down town, in the poorer quarter, it is different. Not until the children were in bed could the mother, who is her own nurse, cook and general servant, get out to do her final, or, perhaps, her only Christmas shopping, and to buy the morrow's dinner. Often, too, she is moved by money considerations to wait until the last moment to make her purchases in the hope that she may thus snatch a bargain.

So she may be seen late at night working her way home, bearing her basket, sometimes attended by her husband, who, if he be an adopted citizen, usually stalks ahead, his pipe in his mouth, his hands in his pockets. It is not unlikely that she will be accompanied by a train of small children who have positively refused to be "tucked all snug in their beds" in orthodox fashion, but have insisted, like the typical young American who rules his elders, in coming out to see the sights.

Until twelve o'clock and after the crowds surge to and fro about the markets and in the neighborhood of the shops, and before the quiet that is supposed to accompany night has fairly settled over the city it is again rudely jarred by the hoarse tooting of fish horns, the snap of firecrackers or the louder notes of horse pistols.—*N. Y. Herald.*

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY.

The preparations for Christmas go on no less vigorously in the country than they do in the town, but they are less evident there. True the country "storekeeper" may offer a collection of novelties that are in reality the antiquities of last season and of shops in town, and he will undoubtedly lay in a double supply of candies and other goodies. But nearly every one goes or sends to the city for gifts, and children's toys, perfumery, starteling novelties and gay handkerchiefs are about the only presents that can be found at the real country store.

Nevertheless the spirit of Christmas is abroad there as well as in town.

There are great expeditions to the woods for running cedar or ground pine, for spruce and fir trees, for branches of hemlock, cedar and pine. In some lucky neighborhoods the holly grows, and sometimes the mistletoe, with its mystic, poetical association, is to be found. In the depths of the woods are sheltered spots where hardy ferns and mosses are still green, while the scarlet berries of the dogwood and the burning bush and the red and yellow fruit of the bitter sweet will do their part in making the decorations gay.

So the children and youths bring in all they can, and cheerfully prick their fingers and give themselves backaches weaving their greens into wreaths and stars and anchors and long garlands; and then putting these around the room, over windows and doors, about pictures and ornaments, wherever they can brighten or lighten the usually staid aspect of the chambers and give a fresh assurance to every eye that Christmas has come.

Often the little church must be adorned for the great feast day, and this cannot be done, as in the city, by hands of paid professional decorators. In the country it must be a labor of love, and busy hands must work early and late to make the trimming of the church all they would have it.

Then, too, the day before Christmas the Christmas tree—chosen and marked long before—must be cut and carried home, with almost as much enthusiasm as attended, in old times, the bringing in of the yule log.

It is not only in the decoration department that there are great labors on foot the day before Christmas. The kitchen is a veritable hive of industry. The mincemeat has been prepared days ago, and has been ripening in a great stone crock in the cellar, but to-day the pies are to be made—pies of many kinds, as befits an American household. Crullers and doughnuts are to be mixed and fried cranberry sauce to be compounded, the material for the plum pudding to be prepared, cakes, jellies, blancmanges, tarts and other goodies brought to a state of perfection.

It is not possible to send out here, as in town, and repair deficiencies in the larder at the last moment. Everything must be in hand that will be needed, and that there may be not too much to do to-morrow, the turkey and the chickens for broiling or frying or for chicken pie must be picked and dressed. The house is full of all sorts of good smells.

Outside of the kitchen there is an air of subdued mystery. There have been restrictions laid upon nearly every member of the family concerning his or her free access to some part of the house. The eldest boy, whose chief desire for months has been a bicycle, is warned to give the woodshed a wide berth. The closet in the guest chamber is forbidden ground to the mother, while none of the children are allowed to go near the linen closet, where mamma has stored her gifts

Everything in the house is in a state of shining cleanliness by the time the day falls. Perhaps there is a touch of superstition in the housewifery which ordains that there shall be no dust or untidiness in the house when it is made ready for the coming of the Christ Child, but it is a harmless and helpful fancy and lends thoroughness as well as a touch of sacredness to the strokes of broom and duster.

The house is fragrant with odors of spruce and pine and looks a very bower of greenery by the time that the tinkle of the sleigh bells, or more probably the rattle of the wheels—for in these degenerate days snow does not always come for Christmas—announces the arrival of the guests.

From the city come the scattered members of the flock, who would travel any distance sooner than miss assembling for Christmas under the home roof tree. They come with laden arms and gay greetings, bringing in a rush of cold air and a freshening of the Christmas spirit. They are full of stories about the trip in the train, of the country people and their parcels, of children going home to grandfather's for Christmas, of the parties of young people eager for a day's skating or coasting, of the crowds of vehicles awaiting the travellers at the stations, of the merry greetings, of the spirit of love and good will that seemed to brood over everything and everybody.

After dinner comes the great event of the day—the event for which the children fondly believe Christmas eve was first devised—hanging the stockings. Then there is the repetition of the never old, always charming poem, "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." This is followed by anxious conjunctures as to how Santa Claus will manage his sleigh and reindeers if there is no snow on the ground, and then the little ones are tucked away and left "while visions of sugar plums dance through their heads."

With the first break of dawn on Christmas morning there is a rustle of excitement through the house. Ghostlys form flit through the halls and happy voices shout "Merry Christmas" from door to door. Then come the hurried dressing, the jolly breakfast, the exchange of gifts and all the dear delights of the day of days. There is no sound outside to distract the attention from these joys. The solemn silence of the country in winter surrounds them on every side and makes sweeter the mirth and cheer within.—*N. Y. Herald.*

The improvements on the Sunday school rooms of Asbury M. E. Church, Smyrna, are rapidly nearing completion. The seats will be beautiful and convenient, after the most modern and improved style. These seats will be used in the main room and the Bible class room, while the kindergarten chairs will likely be used in the infant room, the whole costing about $396, if 240 are used for the main floor and fif y each for the Bible class and infant room as at present contemplated, the infant room being cheaper because smaller and of different kind, those like the other rooms now being so small.

Captain Elisha Hobbs, a resident of Federalsburg, Caroline county, died suddenly on Friday of heart disease. For several years he had been superintendent of the track service of the Cambridge and Seaford Railroad. He was 60 years old, and leaves a widow and six grown children, among whom are Elon S. Hobbs, a lawyer of New York; Miss Kate K. Hobbs, principal of the Federalsburg Academy, and Miss Roberta H. Hobbs, a former principal of the Denton Academy.

While Mrs. A. M. Whitaker, of Zion mother of Dr. J. S. Whittaker, of Cherry Hill, was descending a flight of stairs she missed her footing to the floor below. She cut and bruised herself badly and is suffering from concussion of the brain. There is little hope for her recovery.

OCEAN'S GRAVEYARD.

THE WONDERFUL SARGASSO SEA OF THE GREAT ATLANTIC.

The Enormous Floating Semi-island Toward Which Nearly Everything on the Mighty Deep Drifts and Is Held as Prisoner—Its Inhabitants.

For several years past the hydrographic bureau at Washington has been trying to acquire a more intimate knowledge of the movements of the waters of the ocean, and a great number of bottles, containing messages and securely corked, have been dropped overboard by vessels. Many of these have floated thousands of miles before they were picked up, and while some were washed upon native and foreign shores others have found their way into the great Sargasso sea.

From the courses taken by these different bottles it has been found that the ocean currents move around in a vast circle. Those which were dropped overboard on the American coast took a northerly course, while those on the European side floated toward the south. Bottles dropped overboard in the North Atlantic started toward the northeast, and those from the African or Spanish coast floated almost directly west until they reached the West India islands. The general directions of the currents were thus ascertained, showing that the waters acted upon by winds and currents circulated round and round like a pool.

In all pools floating objects are quickly cast outside of the revolving currents, or they are carried with them in their circular route for some time until they are washed nearer the center or side of the pool. The bottles that were forced outside of the currents of the ocean were cast upon the shores of some country, but those which were worked toward the center eventually found their way in the calm waters of the Sargasso sea. Here they remain peacefully until picked up by some vessel, or until some storm casts them back into the great pool.

Vessels very rarely visit the great sea in the middle of the ocean, but occasionally they are driven there by storms or adverse winds. Strange sights meet the gaze of the sailors at such times. Wonderful stories—partly true and partly false—have been told by sailors returning from a forced trip to the Sargasso sea. The surface of the sea is covered with floating wrecks, spars, seaweed, boxes, fruits and a thousand other innumerable articles. It is the great repository or storehouse of the ocean, and all things which do not sink to the bottom or are not washed upon the shores are carried to this center of the sea. When one considers the vast number of wrecks on the ocean and the quantity of floating material that is thrown overboard, a faint idea of the wreckage in the Sargasso sea may be conceived.

Derelicts or abandoned vessels frequently disappear in mysterious ways, and no accounts are given of them for years by passing vessels. Then suddenly, years later, they appear again in some well traveled route to the astonishment of all. The wrecks are covered with mould and green slime, showing the long, lonesome voyage which they have passed through. It is generally supposed that such derelicts have been swept into the center of the pool and remained in the Sargasso sea until finally cast out by some unusually violent storm.

The life in this sea is interesting. Solitary and alone the acres of waters, covered with the debris, stretch out as the vast graveyard of the ocean, seldom being visited by vessels or human beings. Far from all trading routes of vessels, the sight of a sail or steamship is something unusual. The fishes of the sea form the chief life of those watory solitudes. Attracted by the vast quantities of wreckage floating in the sea, and also by the gulfweed on which many of them live, they swarm around in great numbers. The smaller fishes live in the intricate avenues formed by the seaweed, and the more ferocious denizens of the deep come hither to feed upon the quantities of small fish. In this way the submarine life of the Sargasso sea is made interesting and lively.

The only life overhead is that made by a few sea birds, which occasionally reach the solitudes of this midocean cemetery. A few of the long flyers of the air penetrate to the very middle of the ocean, but it is very rarely that this occurs. Some have been known to follow vessels across the ocean, keeping at a respectful distance from the stern. Other birds have been swept out to sea by storms, and have finally sought refuge in the Sargasso sea. Still others, taking refuge on some derelict, have been gradually carried to the same midocean scene.

There is sufficient food floating on the surface or to be obtained from the fishes which live among the forests of seaweed to support a large colony of birds. It is surmised that many of those found in the sea have inhabited those regions for years, partly from choice and partly from necessity. Birds swept out there by storms would not care to venture the long return trip to land, and finding an abundance of food and wrecks on which to rest and rear their young they might easily become contented with their strange lot. Just how far the strong winged sea birds can fly without resting is all conjectural, but it is doubtful if many of them would undertake such a long journey seaward with no better prospects ahead than dreary wastes of water.—Detroit Free Press.

The Greatest Tobacco Users.

The Austrians consume more tobacco than any other nationality or race on the globe, civilized or savage. Recent investigation by eminent statisticians gives the number of pounds consumed annually by each 100 inhabitants of the different European countries as follows: Spain, 110 pounds; Italy, 128; Great Britain, 138; Russia, 182; Denmark, 224; Norway, 229, and Austria, 278.—St. Louis Republic

FEMININE FANCIES.

Mrs. Anson Phelps-Stokes, of New York, is worth $10,000,000.

Miss Edith Morton, the eldest daughter of the vice president, is said to be a clever player on the violin.

Mrs. Lease is forty, full of fight and a born agitator, and while once a Roman Catholic is now an agnostic.

Mrs. Pierre Lorillard understands the use of a rifle and often goes out with her husband for a day's shooting.

Baby Ruth Cleveland, it is said, although only a little over a year old, can speak two or three words. She looks like her mother.

Mrs. Andrew Carnegie is very systematic in her charities, and causes all needy cases which come to her notice to be investigated and gives help where it is deserved.

Miss Helen M. Gould supports a cot at the Sunnyside day nursery and two at the Babies' shelter, New York. Poor, sick and crippled children appeal strongly to her sympathies.

Mme. Sacher, the wife of a well known Viennese restaurateur, collects autographs by asking her guests to write their names in pencil on the tablecloth, which she afterward embroiders.

Miss Lucy Booth, the Salvation general's youngest daughter, is "a bright and pleasing young lady of about twenty." She has been traveling through India to stir up and revivify the work of the army.

ANNALS OF THE WAR.

Aug. 6, 1862—Cedar Mountain, Va. Stonewall Jackson, with 24,000 men, attacked Banks, with 7,000, and was worsted. Union loss, 1,250 killed and wounded; 250 prisoners. Confederate loss believed to be heavier.

Aug. 10—Wilson's Creek, Mo. Lyon attacked McCulloch. Union force, 5,200; Confederate, 24,000. Union loss, 263 killed, 721 wounded; Confederates, 420 killed, 1,300 wounded.

Aug. 16—McClellan's whole army moved from Pamunkey and York rivers to the James river; thence to Alexandria and Washington.

Aug. 18—Braggs' invasion of Kentucky began.

Aug. 21—Pope's retreat from Cedar mountain to the Rappahannock.

Aug. 26—Capture of Manassas Station by Ewell and Jackson; $500,000 worth of Union stores destroyed.

Aug. 27—Kettle Run, Va. Pope succeeded in driving back the Confederates. Union loss, 50 killed, 300 wounded; Confederate, 300 killed and wounded and 700 prisoners.

Aug. 29—Second battle of Bull Run. Union loss, 800 killed, 4,000 wounded, 3,000 prisoners; Confederate, 700 killed, 3,000 wounded. Confederate victory.

Sept. 1—Chantilly, Va. Confederates worsted. Kearny killed. About 1,000 on each side killed and wounded.

Sept. 4—The whole Confederate army, under Lee, Jackson, Hill and Longstreet, crossed the Potomac and entered Maryland. All the Pennsylvania militia called out to repel invasion.

Sept. 5—South Mountain, Md. Confederates, 40,000 strong; Union, 60,000. Union loss reported by McClellan, killed, 443; wounded, 1,806. Confederate loss estimated at 4,000.

Sept. 15—Harper's Ferry taken by Stonewall Jackson. Union force surrendered. Confederates took 11,583 prisoners, 73 guns, 11,000 stands of arms, 1,800 horses and immense quantities of stores.

Sept. 17—Antietam, Md. Entire Union and Confederate armies, each about 100,000 strong, engaged. McClellan defeated Lee. Union loss, killed, 2,010; wounded, 9,416; missing, 1,043. Confederate loss estimated at 25,000. Confederates retreated. Union army captured 13 guns, 7 caissons, 15,000 small arms and 39 colors.

CURIOUS CULLINGS.

In Russia the principals in a duel partake of breakfast together before going out to fight.

A Berlin tradesman advertises, "Any person who can show me that my cocoa is injurious to health will receive ten boxes gratis."

Doctors in Japan do not find their profession very lucrative. They never dare to send in bills to their patients, but give unlimited credit, and then are humbly grateful for whatever sum they can get instead of a fixed charge.

An interesting experiment may be made with small pieces of camphor by dropping them upon the surface of pure water. These particles at once rotate and move rapidly about, sometimes for several hours. Their circulation will stop the instant a drop of oil or even of any greasy matter is put into the water.

A Zulu chief, when you enter his hovel, remains silent and seems unconscious of your presence. At length he says, "Ge saku bona" (I see you), to which you reply in the same way. The longer he takes to "see you" the greater man you are supposed to be, and until you are thus "seen" you must keep silence.

EXPOSITION ECHOES.

There will be a display of Pennsylvania's grape culture interests at the World's fair.

Mme. Minnie Hauk has been made a member of the advisory council of music of the World's fair.

The Welsh spinning industry is to be demonstrated at the Chicago World's fair by a number of Welsh girls in their national dress.

The Duke of Veragua, who has the blood of Christopher Columbus in his veins, has been appointed president of the committee on the Spanish exhibit.

Henry C. Ford, of Philadelphia, chairman of the fish commission, estimates the cost of Pennsylvania's display of fish at the World's fair at $6,000.

M. Aime Morot has requested the permission of the Corcoran gallery, at Washington, to exhibit his picture, "El Bravo Toro," at the World's fair.

It is proposed to erect an electric overhead road from the Chicago postoffice to the exposition grounds to transmit the mail at a high rate of speed. The road will be built over the tops of the houses.

INTERESTING FACTS.

A diamond for cutting glass lasts about three months.

Extreme heat is more fatal to human life than extreme cold.

Only 2 per cent. of the Siberian runaways escape with their lives.

Yawning is caused by a deficiency in the air supply to the lungs.

As a rule a man's hair turns gray five years sooner than a woman's.

Italy stands at the head of the wine producing countries of Europe. She manufactures half as much again as France. Next on the list is Spain; then follow Austro-Hungary, Germany and Switzerland in the order mentioned.

In Japanese auction rooms both men and women are required to write their names and the prices they will pay upon slips of paper. The slips are dropped into a box. At a stated time the box is opened and the goods are declared the property of the highest bidder.

FLOWER AND TREE.

The camphor tree grows to a gigantic size, often attaining the height of 100 feet or more.

Australia's compass plant is a double larkspur, on which two colors of flowers grow—red on the north and blue on the south. As a compass it is perfectly reliable.

The Malay "wonder-wonder" is a flower, and a flower only, having neither leaves, stem nor root. It is a globular parasite about three feet across, and bursts into a dream of loveliness from the surface of decayed logs and stumps.

The Mexican maguey tree furnishes a needle and thread all ready for use. At the the tip of each dark green leaf is a slender thorn needle that must be carefully drawn from its sheath, at the same time slowly unwinding the thread, a strong, smooth fiber attached to the needle and capable of being drawn out to a great length.

POWDER AND BALL.

A regiment of Russian soldiers numbers 8,222 men.

A revolver has been invented that shoots seven times in a second.

Monaco, with its territory of eight square miles, has a standing army of 126 men.

The amazon warriors of the king of Dahomey at Poguessa were armed with Winchesters and sharp sabers.

Among the naval news in the French papers is the announcement that the division of small ironclads, which for several years has constituted a portion of the French Mediterranean fleet, is about to be relegated to the reserve.

The remains of all the French and German soldiers who fell during the siege of 1870 and were interred in the different cemeteries in and around Kronenberg were disinterred recently and deposited in a single tomb in the cemetery of St. Urbain, in Strasburg.

EPICUREAN MORSELS.

The prelude to a course dinner should be a thin clear soup.

The best way and the most satisfactory to enjoy reedbirds is stewed in cream.

Fresh bread and sardines taken after too much champagne will, it is said, avert dizziness and the evil effects of it.

LIGHT AND AIRY.

Lost Names.

Katharine and Catharine and Katheryn and Kitty,
Catheryn and Kittie you hear of soon and late;
But where within the precincts of this very blessed city
Will you meet a plain and simple, honest Kate?

Eleanor and Elenor and Leonore and Nellie
Troop down altogether to the ringing supper bell;
But these are names for poets—for a Byron or a Shelley—
What's become of simple, dashing Nell?
—Chicago News-Record.

"Not at Home."

The absurdities of some phrases of fashionable life receive very frequent illustration.

A lady who had been taken ill at her own home and who wished to spare herself the annoyance of having many people come to her door on her day for receiving calls, sent her card around to her friends with this written upon it:

Mrs. C——, being confined to her bed by illness, will not be at home next Wednesday as usual.—Youth's Companion.

Troubled as Mrs. Job Was.

Mrs. Hicks—Why, Mrs. Dix, how pale you look!

Mrs. Dix—Yes, I've been having lots of trouble lately with a boil.

Mrs. Hicks—I'm so sorry! Was it on your neck?

Mrs. Dix—No, it was on my husband.—Somerville Journal.

An Explanation.

The maiden's eyes were black as jet,
Black as raven's wings her hair,
Red her lips which scarcely met
Over teeth like pearls most rare.

Tall and lithe and full of grace—
Ev'ry curve a soft delight,
E'er did smiles and laughter chase
Care and trouble from her sight.

Yet the maid he did not wed,
Did not? Could not wed, alack!
Black her hair; her lips were red
But—her face was also black.
—Detroit Tribune.

A Common Ailment.

Jones—Say, Scribbler, did you ever have writer's cramp?

Scribbler—Yes, I have it nearly all the time.

"Is that so? Isn't there anything that will cure it?"

"Yes; about ten dollars would ease it considerably."—Texas Siftings.

Ought to Have the Job.

Proprietor of Palatial Confectionery Store (whose holiday stock is all in)—Want to see me personally, do you? Well, my little miss, what can I do for you?

Youthful Applicant—Don't you want to hire a nice little girl to sit in your front window and eat candy?—Chicago Tribune.

The Mistletoe's Mischief.

She stood beneath the chandelier,
With eyes and cheeks aglow.
He promptly saw his chance for bliss
And pressed upon her lips a kiss,
And blessed that mistletoe.

It happened that her pa came in—
Oh, ruin, wreck and woe!
His boot was big and well applied,
And soon the young man stood outside
And cussed that missile toe.
—Indianapolis Journal.

Risky.

Jack—Did you lose anything on the game, Maud?

Maud—No. You see, Jack Holworthy promised me ten pounds of candy if they won, and George Eli promised me the same if they were victorious. It was rather risky, I know, but I won.—Harvard Lampoon.

Willing to Help Him.

"I want to rise promptly at 5 in the morning," said Taddells to his wife.

"Then I'll give you a spoonful of powder I have in the kitchen."

"What kind of powder is it?"

"Baking powder."—New York Sun.

Feminine Inconsistency.

Oh, Mabel is as changeable
As a rainbow in the sky!
She's cruel, kind and gay and sad,
She's merry and she's shy.

But though she is so changeable,
And never twice the same,
She'll not, however much I try.
Consent to change her name.
—John P. Lyons in What's Odd.

About His Size.

Minister—So you go to school, do you, Bobby?

Bobby—Yes, sir.

Minister—Let me hear you spell kitten.

Bobby—I'm getting too big a boy to spell kitten, sir. Try me on cat.—Tit-Bits.

Caught in the Act.

He placed his mustache on her lips,
And thought he'd take a kiss,
But something happened then and there
To interrupt his bliss.

A flash of light illumined the room,
The click of a small kodak
Was heard; her little brother George
Had photographed the "smack."
—Brooklyn Eagle.

Rather Dangerous.

Harkins—I wouldn't take a thousand dollars and go shooting in that wood.

Dower—Why not? Is it full of wild animals?

Harkins—No. It is full of amateur sportsmen.—New York Herald.

The One Thing Needful.

We hear one universal cry
Throughout the mighty state,
"Pile up our clothing bills sky high,
But crease those trousers straight."
—Clothier and Furnisher.

A Correction.

"Hold up them hands!" hoarsely whispered the highwayman to the Bostonian at midnight.

"Say 'those hands,' please," begged the Bostonian as he hoisted them aloft.—Detroit Free Press.

A Serious Matter.

When the sky is all dark and forbidding.
And the raindrops incessantly pour,
The joke of the stolen umbrella
Doesn't cause us to smile any more.
—Washington Star.

Needed Cleaning.

Mr. Staylate—Is that clock right?

Miss De Pink (wearily)—I think it must need cleaning. It's been two or three hours going that last hour.—New York Weekly.

Don't Mistake the Symptoms.

Beware, young man, upon the brink
Of the matrimonial question!
It's love you feel—that's what you think—
But it may be indigestion.
—Chicago News-Record.

PEN, PENCIL AND BRUSH.

F. D. Millet, the famous artist, seems to be under forty-five. He has a few lines in his face and not a gray hair in his closely trimmed black locks.

M. Philippoteaux, the French panoramic artist, recently opened an art exhibition at Cairo under the patronage of the khedive and intends to make Egypt his future home.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes is a great walker, and is often seen in Beacon street, in Boston, taking his "constitutional." He always wears a nicely polished silk hat and carries a large cane.

Miss Mary E. Wilkins is extremely fond of quaint ornaments and rare articles from faroff countries. Among her treasures is a triple necklace of South Sea shells, in which all the colors of the rainbow play at hide and seek.

Emile Zola wears a short beard, trimmed according to the latest fashion. His broad high forehead is marked by three deep wrinkles, and his hair and beard are slightly streaked with gray. His face is pale, and his figure has lost much of its former stoutness.

Santa Claus—Hello; what's this? Two stockings instead of eight?

Assistant—Yes, sir. I forget to tell you. There was a pair of twins born here last night.—Selected.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

WHEAT—No. 2 red	68	New cob Corn	43
Steamer No. 2,	66	CORN	
Timothy Seed	25@	Yellow, shelled,	@42c
Clover Seed, per lb	15	Oats,	@50c

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS & CO.

Eggs, ₩ doz	@26
Butter, ₩ lb	30@35
Lard, ₩ lb (per can)	8@10
Potatoes ₩ basket	40@45
Sweet Potatoes	50@60
Dressed Ducks ₩ lb	10@12
do Chickens ₩ lb	10@12
do Turkeys ₩ lb	14 @ 15c
Creamery Butter ₩ lb	@36

MIDDLETOWN DIRECTORY.

Mails Close as Follows;

GOING NORTH.	GOING SOUTH.
7.38 A. M. . . R. P. O.	8. 56 A. M. . . R. P. O
10.10 A. M. . . R. P. O.	5.00 P. M. . . R. P. O
4.16 P. M. . . R. P. O.	
6.00 P. M. . . L. P. to Wilm. and Phila.	

For Odessa—9.25, 10.45 A. M. and 6 P. M.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Sassafras, &c. 9.25 A. M

Church Directory.

METHODIST M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. N. M. Browne, Pastor.

Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m. Alfred G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The class meetings are held as follows: Sunday, 9 a. m., M. D. Wilson, Leader; Monday evening at 7.00 o'clock two classes, W. H. Moore and John B Roberts, Leaders; Tuesday evening at 7.30, led by the pastor; Wednesday evening at 7.00 o'clock two classes, Rev. N. M. Browne and Alfred G. Cox, Leaders. The seats are free and all are welcome.

FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Francis H. Moore, Pastor.

Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.00. Sabbath school will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock. E. Reynolds, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.

Services at Armstrong's chapel every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. D. L. Dunning, Superintendent. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. F. H. Moore the 1st. Sunday in each month at 3 P. M.

ST. ANNE'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. J. Beers, Rector.

Divine Service on Sunday mornings at half past ten o'clock and in the evenings at 7.00 o'clock. Sunday-school at 2 P. M. Friday service at 3 p. m. and 7 p. m.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Good Samaritan No 9, I O O F. N G—J C Parker; V G—J C Jolls; R S—J G Smith; P S—G S Ellis,

Volunteer Hose Co. President, Wm. Taylor; Secretary, Jos. C. Jolls. Meeting first Friday in every month.

Middletown Council. No. 2. Jr. O. U. A. M. Councilor W. O. Stack; Secretary. Geo. C. Reed. Meeting every Monday evening at McWhorter's building

Damon Lodge, No. 12. K. of P. C. C. H. Lightcap; K of R &S., B. W. Hawkins Meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in McWhorter's building.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. and A. M. L. Darlington, W. M.; J. H. Emerson, S. W.; W. W. Black, Jr., J. W.; J. L. Gibson, Treasurer; W O Stack, Secretary; J. A. Jolls, S. D.; J. P. McIntire, J. D.; J. C. Jolls, J. S.; Wm. R. Davis, S. S.; Thos. E. Hurn, Tyler.

Major John Jones Post No. 22, G. A. R. C. M. Stanger P. C.; C. W. Jones. S. V. C.; A. T. Warren. J. V. C.; A. S. Naudain. Adjutant; J. B. Deakyne Q. M.; R. B. McKee. Surgeon; J. L. Dunning, Chaplain; C. J. Wilson. O. D.; J. W. Jolls. Quarter Master Sergeant. Meeting every Friday night at post headquarters in the Town Hall.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

President, Dr. T. H. Gilpin; Secretary, W. S. Leatherbury; M. Kumple, Jr., G. W. W. Naudain and Henry Clayton.

Town Assessor, D. L. Dunning; Treasurer, L. Darlington.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

President, G. D. Kelley; Treasurer, A. G. Cox; Secretary, Jno W. Jolls; Samuel Penington, Nathaniel Williams, Henry Clayton, W. P. Biggs, D L Dunning and Jno. S. Crouch.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Principal, Prof. W. B. Tharp. Department No. 2—Miss Annie Maxwell. Department No. 3—Miss Ida Howell. Department No 4.—Miss Mary Budd. Department No. 5—Miss Ruth N. Schreitz. Department No. 6—Miss Lizzie Hall.

MIDDLETOWN IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.

President, George W W Naudain; Vice Paesident, Dr I S Vallandigham; Secretary, Nathaniel Williams; Treasurer, G E Hukill. Directors, S M Reynolds Chairman with above officers.

Attorney, M B Burris Esq

Meets once a month.

BOARD OF TRADE.

President, Dr I S Vallandigham; Vice President W A Comegys; Corresponding Secretary, J Thomas Budd; Recording Secretary, C J Freeman; Treasurer, G E Hukill.

Board of Directors; S M Reynolds, chairman; George D Kelly, John S Crouch, J Frank McWhorter.

Meets 2nd Tuesday every month.

NO 1181

REPORT OF THE CONDITION of the CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK, at Middletown, in the State of Delaware, at the close of business, December 9th, 1892:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,		$147,849 44
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured,		489 71
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,		80,000 00
Stocks, securities, judgments, etc.		11,506 00
Due from approved reserve agents,		12,820 39
Due from other National Banks,		26,922 45
Due from State Banks and Bankers,		1,960 12
Banking house, furniture fixtures,		18,783 36
Other real estate and mortgages owned		5,405 90
Current expenses and taxes paid,		1,561 93
Premiums on U. S. Bonds,		10,500 00
Bills of other banks,		1,500 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and pennies,		182 49
Specie,		4,000 00
Legal tender notes,		7,000 00
Redemption fund with U.S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation),		3,550 00
Total,		$334,031 79

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in,	$80,000 00
Surplus Fund,	16,000 00
Undivided profits,	7,587 89
National Bank notes outstanding,	72,000 00
Individual deposits subject to check,	135,897 07
Due to other National Banks,	16,853 37
Due to State Banks and Bankers,	5,693 46
Total,	$334,031 79

STATE OF DELAWARE, County of New Castle, } ss.

I, Jno. S. Crouch, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JNO. S. CROUCH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of December, 1892.

RICHARD FERGUSON, N. P.

B T. BIGGS, JOHN A. REYNOLDS, THOS. CAVENDER. } Directors.

Correct—Attest:

An Old Christmas Hymn.

The following, by Geoffrey Williston Christine, is probably the oldest of these quaint hymns that has been preserved, and dates back to "early English" times:

Yn a staybel Cryste was borne,
Al ye catel bende theyre knees.
On ye cross his lymbs were torne,
That heaven maye be reached with ease.
Shoute and syng and hayle ye morne,
Cryste, our Lorde, ys borne, ys borne.

Peece, good will to al on eyrthe,
Wype from every eye ye tear.
Bye that wundrus, royal byrthe
Mankynde are freed from every fear.
Shoute and syng and hayle ye morne,
Cryste, our Lorde, ys borne, ys borne.

The Olden Song.

Come, sing the olden song once more!
The Christmas carol sing;
With solemn joy, from shore to shore,
Let earth her tribute bring.

And she fulfilled those prophet dreams;
That Hebrew vision old;
From Bethlehem's stall a glory streams
That makes the future gold.

A golden future—health and peace
To all beneath the sun;
A time when wars and wrongs shall cease,
And heaven and earth be one.

But this our trust, through long delay,
With no weak doubts defiled;
And be in all our hearts today,
Newborn, the Eternal Child.
—Chicago Times.

Marrying a man to reform him is equal to putting your fingers in a fire to put it out.

It is no disgrace to be poor, but it is so inconvenient it is sometimes worse than disgraceful.

As a man grows old he begins to look upon wretchedness in young folks as a sort of ingratitude.

Let tomorrow take entire care of itself, and some day the poor commissioner will have to take care of you.

Nearly every man who is a fool has a faint suspicion of it, but in trying to prove that he is not a fool he gets in deeper.—Atchison Globe.

Special Notices

NOTICE is hereby given that I will apply to the next session of the General Assembly for a divorce a vinculo matrimoni from my wife, Maggie Scott.

JOHN C. SCOTT.

Wilmington, Del. Dec. 15, 1892.

NOTICE.

TEACHER'S EXAMINATION.

An examination for second and third grade certificates will be held in school building No 1, corner 5th and French streets, Wilmington, on Saturday, Dec. 31. 2t

ELECTION NOTICE

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK, MIDDLETOWN, DEL., December, 8, 1892.

The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of nine Directors to serve this Bank for the ensuing year will be held in the banking house ON TUESDAY, the 10th DAY OF JANUARY, 1893, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 12 M.

JNO. S. CROUCH, Cashier

ELECTION NOTICE.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK OF ODESSA. December 10, 1892.

The stockholders' annual meeting for the election of NINE DIRECTORS to serve this Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th. 1893, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 1 P. M.

JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

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ELECTION NOTICE

PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK, MIDDLETOWN, DEL., December 7, 1892.

The annual meeting of the stockholders for the the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1893, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 12 M.

G. D KELLEY, Cashier.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the CANTWELL MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY will be held at the Hotel of Charles W. Lloy